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Afghan police go on patrol with U.S. soldiers earlier this month in Jalrez Valley, Wardak province, Afghanistan.

# A long way to go

U.S. trainers say the Afghan army and police — key to Obama's new war strategy — are far from ready to take over

By DIANNA CAHN

Stars and Stripes

BAGHLAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Tomorrow, Afghanistan's homegrown soldiers might be ready to take over the fight against the Taliban, so that American forces can begin to come home as President Barack Obama hopes.

But today, they are far from ready. Even the best Afghan units lack training, discipline and adequate reinforcements. In one new unit in Baghlan province, Afghan soldiers cower in a ditch whenever shooting breaks out. Others routinely steal U.S.-supplied fuel, equipment and weapons. And a few are suspected of collaborating with the Taliban against the Americans.

"I do not feel I am a mentor here," said Capt. Jason Douthwaite, a logistics offi-

### McChrystal to Congress: Troop surge can work

### Gates: Drawdown will be 'a several-year process'

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cer with the 73rd Troop Command of the Ohio National Guard who has tried to stop rampant pilfering by the Afghan soldiers his brigade is training. "I feel like I am an investigating officer. It's not, 'Let me teach you your job.' It's more like, 'How much did you steal from the American government today?'"

In his speech at West Point last week

announcing a surge of 30,000 additional U.S. troops into Afghanistan, Obama said building and training the Afghan security forces would become a pillar of America's new war strategy so that U.S. forces could begin to be withdrawn in July 2011.

Obama's top commander in Afghanistan, Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, said the goal is to double Afghan forces to 400,000, and to do so in four years.

But given the unbridled corruption that infests the ranks of the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police, as well as a severe shortage of quality recruits and a gaping void in the Afghan leadership and command structure, many outside experts — and, increasingly, U.S. trainers on the ground — doubt that the Afghan forces will be able to stand on their own any time soon.

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KYODO NEWS/AP

Japanese Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada tours U.S. bases on Okinawa on Dec. 5 to meet with local officials to work out a compromise over the relocation of Futenma air base.

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## Japanese suspend talks on Futenma

By BLAINE HARDEN  
*The Washington Post*

SEOUL — A rift between the United States and Japan over the future of a military air station on Okinawa widened Tuesday, as Foreign Minister Katsuya Okada told Japanese media that talks on relocating the base have been suspended.

The report offers additional evidence that the newly elected government of Japan is uncomfortable with the military footprint of the United States.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You won't see Rosie from 'The Jetsons,' but you're going to see more and more robots that help maintain your home."

— Colin Angle, CEO of iRobot Corp., which makes the Roomba, on the future of robotics

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# Five blasts rip through Baghdad

## Attacks target government, leave 127 dead

BY BRIAN MURPHY  
*The Associated Press*

BAGHDAD — A series of coordinated attacks struck Baghdad on Tuesday, including two suicide car bombers and another vehicle that blew up near government sites. At least 127 were killed and hundreds wounded in the worst wave of violence in the capital in more than a month, authorities said.

A total of five attacks, which also included a suicide car bomb on a police patrol, showed the ability of insurgents to strike high-profile targets in the heart of Baghdad and marked the third time since August that government buildings were targeted with multiple blasts that killed more than 100 people.

The bombings reinforced concerns about shortcomings in Iraqi security as U.S. forces plan their withdrawal, and parliament held an emergency session with many lawmakers demanding answers for apparent security lapses.

Iraq's military spokesman blamed the carnage on an alliance of al-Qaida in Iraq and members of Saddam Hussein's banned Baath Party.

The U.S. military has sent some troops and forensic equipment to assist the Iraqis in the aftermath, said Army Master Sgt. Nicholas Conner, a military spokesman.

The bombings marked the most serious spate of violence in Bagh-



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Firefighters and rescuers search for survivors Tuesday at the site of a bomb attack near the new Finance Ministry in Baghdad. A series of attacks struck government sites in Baghdad on Tuesday.

dad since twin car bombs on Oct. 25 struck outside government offices, killing at least 155. In August, suicide bombers hit the finance and foreign ministries, killing more than 100.

Iraqi officials blamed the August and October attacks on al-Qaida in Iraq and loyalists of the Baath Party.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Tuesday's attacks, though al-Qaida in Iraq had said it was behind the last two massive bombings against government buildings in Baghdad in August and October.

But there are questions whether Iraq's leaders are trying to shift attention away from a possible resurgence of Sunni insurgents led by al-Qaida in Iraq. A rise in insurgent power could be a serious blow to the government's credibility before national elections.

In a joint statement, U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Christopher

Hill and Gen. Raymond Odierno, America's top commander in Iraq, called on Iraqis to unite against violence and pledged to assist the government "to bring to justice those individuals or groups responsible for such murder."

Again, Iraq's military spokesman, Maj. Gen. Qassim al-Mousawi, appeared Tuesday to spread the blame between Baath loyalists and al-Qaida-linked extremists.

"The same hands that implemented the August and October attacks have carried out today's terrorist attacks against innocent civilians," he told The Associated Press.

The targets were the latest assaults directed at Iraqi authorities: near a compound with the Labor Ministry building, a court complex near the Iraqi-protected Green Zone and near the new site of the Finance Ministry after its previous building was destroyed in major attacks in August.

## Iraq sets parliament elections for March

BAGHDAD — An elections official says Iraq's presidential council has again postponed nationwide parliamentary elections, setting March 7 as the date for the vote.

The official says the council's Tuesday decision followed an agreement earlier in the day to hold the elections March 6.

Qassim al-Aboudi, a senior electoral commission official, said the council made the decision to give workers more time to organize the election.

Officials were forced to postpone the Jan. 16 elections after lawmakers spent months wrangling over a new law that provides guidelines for the landmark vote.

Failure to pass the new law would have likely thrown the political process into a tailspin.

From The Associated Press

## Soldiers without stability

# Trainers: 'I couldn't get them to shoot their weapons'

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"You're always going to have this tension of quantity over quality," said Candace Rondeaux, a senior analyst with the International Crisis Group in Brussels. "The danger of moving too quickly is that you won't have the cohesiveness, the loyalty and even the infrastructure to support those soldiers and police fighting. But with the domestic pressure to wrap this up and get it done, it becomes easy to rush it."

Rondeaux predicted that properly training and equipping an Afghan security force of 400,000 will take at least another five years.

"There is no way to do it fast," said Andrew Krepinevich, president of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments in Washington, whose own time estimate runs to decade. "You've got to keep providing advisers at the maneuver and staff levels and work with them every step of the way. Otherwise it's not going to work."

By all accounts, the Afghan National Army is a more mature and efficient security force than the Afghan National Police. The force is developing a reputation for facing down the rising insurgency, and NATO training commanders in Kabul say the infrastructure is now

in place to build up weaker units in the coming years.

Yet the experience of U.S. forces mentoring Afghan soldiers in Baghlan province last month underlined just how relative that assessment is.

During a Taliban ambush, gunfire was coming at the Americans and their Afghan counterparts from three sides. But the Afghan National Army soldiers of the 209 Corps, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Kandak (battalion), fresh out of training in Kabul, were not ready for a fight.

So after returning initial fire, the Afghan soldiers simply lay in a ditch, refusing to budge.

"They don't have the basics, so they lay down," said Capt. Michael Bell, who is one of a team of U.S. and Hungarian mentors tasked with making this young kandak battle-ready. "I ran around for an hour trying to get them to shoot, getting fired on. I couldn't get them to shoot their weapons."

Bell, with the 1st Battalion, 148 Infantry Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, and another American soldier treated several superficial wounds—the Afghan soldiers didn't even have bandages, much less a medic—then finally persuaded most of their Afghan counterparts to get in their pickup trucks and push out.

The experience left the Americans rattled and exposed just how far NATO coalition forces still must go to ready the Afghan security forces to protect their own country.

### Rushing to failure?

The Afghan army currently numbers about 97,000 soldiers, with a target of 134,000 by November 2010 and 240,000 by 2013. Meanwhile, the end goal for the 94,000-strong national police force is 160,000. Currently, an average of 2,500 new soldiers and 2,000 new police officers are recruited each month, but the monthly attrition rate is as high as 25 percent.

To increase the force, NATO is creating incentives, including a recent \$45 raise for all police. Starting salary for a police officer is now \$165 a month.

The pace of training is also expanding. Army training schools in the five regional commands will soon double student numbers and shorten the courses from 10 weeks to eight. Instructors are being prepared and massive building is under way to accommodate 1,400 new students this cycle, compared with 600 in previous ones, said NATO Brig. Simon Levey, commander of the Combined Training Advisory Group-Army in Kabul.

"We've built both infrastructure and training bases which are absolutely good and are just coming on line now," Levey said. "The Afghans are recruiting more vigorously. It's something we couldn't do before because the pipeline was not adequate."

But mentors at the ANA's Camp Kelagay, for example, say the Afghan corps commanders for their unit refuse to allot adequate training time, regularly sending Afghan army companies out on patrols and operations without a basic knowledge of fighting.

Maj. Jeffery Leslie, whose unit of 58 U.S. mentors and support staff is embedded with a Hungarian Operational Mentor and Liaison Team at Kelagay, wondered if unqualified recruits were being signed up in the push to build up the Afghan army so quickly.

"We suspect the ANA have bad guys in the ranks, whether they are known or unknown to anybody," Leslie said. "There are ANA units out there that are very capable. I think it's just too much too fast for the manpower of the country to sustain."

Leslie said 100 new recruits were sent to Kelagay to replace dozens of deserters, but many of them ran off, too.

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# FAR FROM READY

Afghan National Army soldiers, along with police and intelligence officers, return to the main road after a firefight in Baghlan-I-Jadid on Nov. 25. The fight followed an attack by insurgents on a nearby police station the day before.

DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

## 'The guy you trusted yesterday could be the guy planting the IED'

By GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ  
*Stars and Stripes*

WARDAK PROVINCE, Afghanistan — The Afghan police chief asked why the Americans still had their armor on after entering his unit's compound during a recent visit.

Army 1st Lt. Julian Stewart didn't want to appear rude. Keeping things calm, he knew, is a key part of working with the Afghan National Police.

"He said it showed disrespect to him because we didn't trust his police officers," said Stewart, part of a police mentoring team from the Georgia National Guard's Company A, 2nd Battalion, 121st Infantry Regiment, which was working in the rural Kabul province. "We decided to take our gear off."

Soon afterward, an Afghan policeman opened fire on the Americans,

spraying the area with what Stewart estimated to be between 40 to 50 rounds. One U.S. soldier was wounded.

The Americans returned fire during the Sept. 12 incident, dropping the policeman.

"He kept repeating in Dari, 'I did this for my prophet,'" Stewart said. "The whole time we're doing this, the ANP are doing nothing."

The United States is counting on an expanded Afghan National Police force to shoulder increasing responsibility for securing the nation against Taliban and al-Qaida insurgents, and accelerated training for Afghan soldiers and police is a key part of President Barack Obama's expanded Afghanistan mission.

First, however, American soldiers have to figure out how to trust their Afghan counterparts, riven by

corruption, illiteracy and Taliban infiltration.

"The guy you trusted yesterday," said Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Myers, who lives alongside Afghan police forces at Combat Outpost Apache, "could be the guy planting the IED in the road today."

No one knows for certain how often Afghan forces have attacked NATO troops. While it logs friendly-fire incidents within its own ranks, NATO's International Security Assistance Force says it does not track incidents of Afghan forces attacking their ISAF counterparts.

But there have been deadly incidents. In November, an Afghan policeman killed five British soldiers in Helmand province. The killer fled and has not been caught.

U.S. Army Sgt. Aaron Smith and

Pfc. Brandon Owens were killed Oct. 2 in Wardak province by a policeman who is said to have been mentally unstable before he was approached and paid off by the Taliban. He, too, remains at large.

A joint U.S. Army-Afghan police investigation into the deaths of Owens and Smith continues, according to Lt. Col. Kimo Gallahue, who commands Smith's unit, the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment.

NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan spokesman Army Lt. Col. David Hylton said in an e-mail to Stars and Stripes that a joint investigation is also being conducted into last month's Helmand shooting.

Regardless of the attacks, NATO troops have no choice but to continue working with the Afghan forces.

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# Police without prowess



DIANNA CAHN/Stars and Stripes

Afghan National Army noncommissioned officers take a lesson on platoon sergeant and squad leader duties at Camp Shaheen in Mazar-e-Sharif on Nov. 18. The school is one of nine expanding in the country.

## Trainers: 'It's a corrupt system all the way'

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"I think they are hitting the bottom of the barrel and pulling in guys who just don't want to be here," he said.

#### Raiding the cookie jar

At Kelagay, the growing pains of a young force are apparent.

After a series of problems, the corps changed out the kandak commander and his executive officer in October for a commander who had run a top-rated Afghan army command before. Mentors say it's a big improvement but you can't change an entire battalion by changing one man.

The mentors report missing vehicles, weapons and other military equipment, and outright theft of fuel provided by the U.S. Then there are the AWOL rates — up to 60 percent, far higher than the average for the Afghan army — and death threats leveled against two different U.S. officers who tried to stop the Afghan soldiers from stealing.

"This kandak would not be ready in five years," said mentor Sgt. 1st Class Sam Livingston, 35, a guardsman from Cleveland. "I see so much waste and corruption. Even though it's on a small scale, it's an indication of what's going on. Everyone has their hand in the cookie jar."

Discouraged, he added: "At some point, you begin to question, 'How much good am I personally doing here?'"

Douthwaite, the logistics officer, said he was threatened twice after he began trying to control the steady pilfering of U.S.-supplied fuel.

"It's a corrupt system all the way from the corps level on down," he said.

That's not to say that there are no

For photos of Afghan soldiers training with their U.S. mentors, go to [stripes.com/go/afghanarmy](http://stripes.com/go/afghanarmy)

successes. At the squad level, Staff Sgt. Eric Schabell, an Ohio National Guardsman from Independence, Ky., and a former flight instructor, said he's happy with small achievements, like teaching the Afghan soldiers how to zero a weapon — a first step in aligning its sights.

"I've been pleasantly surprised several times by what they already know," Schabell said. "The [executive officer] and platoon leaders tell me they want their soldiers to be trained. They are happy we are here. They understand the soldiers don't know their jobs. And I see that they care, and I think that keeps me from getting frustrated."

#### Trust, but verify

The death threats and recent attacks by Afghan forces on U.S. and NATO soldiers make for an uneasy relationship.

In March, an Afghan soldier guarding the tower at Camp Shaheen shot three U.S. soldiers, killing two.

In Wardak province, soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment say they've come across more than 70 bombs since they arrived in the hostile Tangi Valley last summer.

Two soldiers have been killed and dozens wounded. But their Afghan army partners have never been hit.

"The cold hard facts are that in the Tangi Valley, the ANA have not been attacked," said Staff Sgt. Jim Putman of Company A's intelligence support team. "Yet here we sit, we've had [70]-

something IED incidents since July. One would have to assume they're dirty or paying off the Taliban."

The Afghan soldiers frequently find improvised explosive devices and snip the command wires instead of marking them and waiting for U.S. forces to come detonate them. The Americans say this just allows the insurgents to return and reconnect them.

Capt. Hayhatullah Adil, the Afghan company commander in the Tangi Valley, said his soldiers don't get hit because they are good at looking for bombs and command wires. Plus, he said, there is a higher Taliban bounty for blowing up U.S. troops, and the villagers know there will be trouble if his soldiers are blown up.

"I will light up the whole village," Adil said.

Despite the concerns, Marine Staff Sgt. Benjamin Ricard, part of a training team working with the Afghan army, defended the Afghan soldiers last month.

"I walk in front of them, I walk behind them and they all got loaded weapons," he said. "I don't question it at all."

On Nov. 13, Ricard and another Marine were severely injured when a bomb went off under their Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle. Army Spc. Christopher J. Coffland and a 20-year-old interpreter were killed. U.S. soldiers said they were leading Afghan soldiers to a recently discovered bomb site.

"I have no choice," Ricard said days before the blast. "It's my job to trust them."

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## Police without prowess

### ANP: 'riddled with problems'

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"There's no getting around the fact that it has an effect," Gallahue said. "But we have to overcome it. The beginning of the future of Afghanistan is a security force that can protect its own citizens."

#### Sick of 'doing his job'

A faint scent of hashish greeted 118th Military Police Company soldiers last month as they entered an Afghan police compound in Wardak province's Jalrez Valley.

Soon, Army Sgt. Joshua Watkins was talking business with Maj. Abdullah Kareem, who was put in charge of the valley's police force a few months ago.

Watkins asked for a definitive head count of corporals, sergeants and officers.

Kareem didn't have the numbers and went on to tell him that the numerous policemen claiming to be deputy commanders were doing so simply to get things from the Americans.

"That's [expletive] up," Watkins said, and business turned a little more serious.

Kareem laughed.

"He's good at talking, but he can't force anything," Kareem said of Watkins. "You are responsible for [Combat Outpost] Apache; I am responsible for this valley."

"I am responsible for him because he's too lazy," Watkins said dryly to his interpreter, eliciting nervous laughter in the room as it was translated. "I am tired of doing his job."

It was another tense exchange between two would-be partners, with much left unspoken.

Watkins later emphasized the patience required to work with the local police, but other soldiers say the culture of corruption in Afghanistan and unprofessionalism of its police make trusting them that much harder.

In addition to abusing their power, the Afghan police are often seen by the public as lazy and remiss in their duties, according to a report released last summer by London's Royal United Services Institute and the Foreign Policy Research Institute.

Those problems are exacerbated by widespread drug abuse, according to the report. British officials estimate, for example, that 60 percent of the Afghan police officers in Helmand province use drugs.

"The ANP as a collective is riddled with problems starting with illiteracy, levels of which are currently estimated at 65 percent of the population," the report states. "This fundamental problem restricts the quality of recruits, the effectiveness of police training, and even their ability to write reports and record critical information."

In Logar province's Charkh district, a volatile area south of Kabul, Afghan police officers rarely leave the tiny base they share with American and Afghan soldiers. They never patrol, and they go out only to get food and other items from the nearby bazaar, said Capt. Jason Wingeart, commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment.

Gallahue called the Afghan police "grossly undermanned and grossly underpaid."

There are approximately 700 policemen in Wardak province, Gallahue said. Though the Interior Ministry recently raised the monthly payments for all policemen, with the starting salary at \$165 a month, the cost of living here is about \$430 a month, meaning police with money problems are more susceptible to bribes and payoffs for placing bombs or tipping off insurgents when a U.S. convoy is set to roll out.

Yet the Afghan Ministry of the Interior has no mechanism to fight corruption and no effective internal affairs division, Gallahue said, as well as no transparency or accountability.

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## Soldiers without stability

# McChrystal downplays Afghan timetable

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WASHINGTON — The head of U.S. military forces in Afghanistan downplayed the president's July 2011 goal to begin withdrawing troops and said he wouldn't rule out delaying that timeline or even adding more troops to the new 100,000 end strength planned for the country.

"I don't view July 2011 as a deadline," Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal said in testimony Tuesday before members of the House Armed Services Committee. "At that time, we'll evaluate the time and scope of a possible

drawdown," a decision he called the "natural evolution" of the military mission.

Both McChrystal, who also leads the NATO mission in Afghanistan, and Karl Eikenberry, leader of U.S. civilian efforts there, told lawmakers they support President Barack Obama's plan to send about 30,000 more troops into the country to push back the resurgent Taliban and to speed up the training for the fledgling Afghan security forces.

But lawmakers remained divided, with several Democrats skeptical that more troops can solve political corruption there and Republicans convinced the sum-

mer 2011 drawdown represents an abandoning of the mission.

"If as a nation we are saying that this is a war of necessity, how can we say we'll withdraw troops in 18 months even if the mission isn't complete?" said Rep. Randy Forbes, R-Va.

Last week in an address to the nation, Obama billed the summer 2011 mark as a way to pressure the Afghan government into assuming more responsibility for security, while still promising long-term assistance in stabilizing the region.

McChrystal said he did not recommend the July 2011 withdrawal date, but he's confident both the

American and Afghan public will see significant military progress before then.

He also said that the goal will not allow Taliban and al-Qaeda leaders to lie in wait for U.S. forces to leave.

"If they wait, we'll build up a better way of life for the Afghan population," he said. "In addition, the Afghan security force will continue to build up, leaving them much less vulnerable to future attacks."

However, McChrystal said he would not allow political considerations to influence his evaluation of progress over the next 18 months, and if additional forces

are needed because of an increase in violence "then of course I would request it."

Those comments drew criticism from Democrats who said insurgent havens in Pakistan and continued failings of President Hamid Karzai's government mean no increase in foreign troops can fix the situation.

"We've seen greater numbers of American casualties ... but no improvement in the security situation," said Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine. "In my opinion, we've reached a security plateau."

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## Karzai: Afghan army ready in five years

*The Associated Press*

KABUL — After meeting Tuesday with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said it may be five years before his army is ready to take on insurgents — a blunt warning that the planned exit strategy for U.S. troops from Afghanistan 18 months from now could grind slowly through 2014.

Karzai also said it will be at least 15 years before his government can bankroll a security force strong enough to protect the country from the threat of insurgency. Karzai's statements, along with Gates' agreement that the U.S. drawdown starting in July 2011 would be "a several-year process," appeared to firm up growing evidence that President Barack Obama's proposed troop pullout would be a slow-motion reverse of the rapid escalation of 30,000 troops carried out over the

next six months.

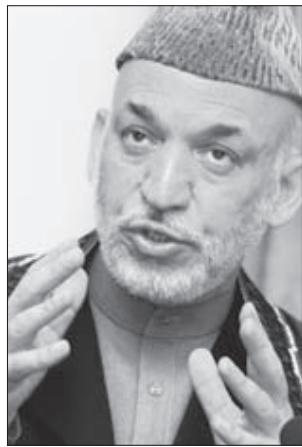
"Whether it's three years or two years or four years remains to be seen," the defense secretary said. "But as President Obama has made clear, this is not an open-ended commitment on the part of the United States."

Gates also addressed a fear among the Afghan people that more troops in their country will result in more violence and civilian casualties.

"Our top priority remains the safety of civilians," he said.

Just before the two leaders spoke, the Afghan government accused NATO forces of killing civilians during a pre-dawn strike Tuesday in eastern Afghanistan.

NATO said seven militants were killed, but no civilians were injured or killed. A spokesman for the Afghan Interior Ministry said some civilians died in the attack aimed at a Taliban operative in Laghman province. Provincial



JUSTIN SULLIVAN/AP

**Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks at a news conference with Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Kabul.**

police chief Gen. Abdul Karim Omeryar said 12 Afghans died, including one woman.

Meanwhile, Karzai also reaffirmed his commitment to fight corruption.

applying for Army retroactive stop-loss pay, including being told their Social Security numbers aren't on the master list of soldiers who were stop-lossed, or that the Army doesn't agree with the length of time they claim they were held under stop-loss.

Wilson Ortiz Torres tried to retire from the Army in 2003, but he was held under stop-loss until 2005.

He received an e-mail from the Army saying his Social Security number wasn't on the master list, despite the fact that he submitted his request to retire and his DD-214 form, which shows when he was discharged.

On Tuesday, he got an e-mail from the Army saying his claim will be processed "by a case manager in the order it was received," but it offered no time line.

Now he's wondering what the next step is, and whether there will be another problem.

"It's going to go on and on until they finally say it's complete now," he said.

The Army is aware that the retroactive stop-loss pay program needs to be accelerated, Mueller said.

"No one is satisfied with the output right now," she said.

For more information on the Army's retroactive stop-loss compensation program, call 1-877-736-5554.

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## Report: Army using loophole to hire retired generals for contractor jobs

*Stars and Stripes*

The Army made use of a loophole in federal ethics law to hire two recently retired four-star generals for high-paying contract positions, USA Today reported Tuesday, citing public records and interviews.

The service's senior mentor program is run through defense contractor Northrop Grumman, but ethics law states that newly retired senior employees cannot be hired within a year of separating from a federal agency. However, instead of working through Northrop Grumman, the Army contracted individually with two former generals, John Vines and Dan McNeill, to advise commanders as part of its senior mentor program, the paper reported.

It paid McNeill \$281,625 from December 2008 through August 2009, federal records show.

In mid-2007, records show, the Army awarded three contracts worth \$226,285 to Vines.

The paper pointed out that the "cooling-off" period is meant to prevent "acts by former government employees which may reasonably give the appearance of making unfair use of prior government employment," according to ethics regulations.

"The cooling-off period doesn't seem to make a lot of sense when we have soldiers' lives at stake," Vines, who had retired in January 2007, told USA Today.

Army spokesman Gary Tallman said the arrangements were perfectly legal and "do not create any ... clever loopholes."

"This flagrantly violates the spirit of the revolving-door rules," said Danielle Bryan, executive director of the Project on Government Oversight. "What the Army

did instead is create a new door so they could walk right through."

A USA Today investigation found that more and more retired officers are collecting six-figure pensions and adding to that income with high-paying defense contractor jobs as well as earning hundreds of dollars per hour as advisers to the military services.

Each of the services has been accepting applications for retroactive stop-loss compensation since Oct. 21, but funding for the program was not available until Nov. 19.

The first Air Force payments went out Nov. 25.

Many people have complained that they have had problems

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## Futenma: Japan sends mixed signals

### FUTENMA, FROM PAGE 1

The group's meetings were inconclusive and have been suspended, with no resumption set, Okada said at a news conference, according to the Kyodo news agency. "We are now waiting to see whether we should hold the discussions again," said Okada, who is a member of the working group, as is U.S. Ambassador John Roos.

After the group's last meeting, on Friday, U.S. officials had said that they expected there would be more negotiating sessions.

Japan and the United States agreed in 2006, as part of a \$26 billion plan to move U.S. troops off and around Okinawa, that the Futenma air station would be moved to a new site on the island.

But Hatoyama, who was elected in August on a promise that he would be more assertive than previous Japanese leaders in dealing with the United States, has said he wants the air station moved off Okinawa altogether — possibly out of the country.

In recent weeks, mixed signals from his government about the future of the

air station have frustrated the Obama administration. Obama said that the working group the two created would merely "implement" the existing agreement from 2006, but Hatoyama later said that unless the working group had the power to renegotiate the agreement, its meetings were pointless.

Since then, a number of the prime minister's statements on the base issue have been confusing or contradictory. He said last week that the issue need not be decided soon, then he said perhaps the air station should move to Guam and then he said the issue should be decided soon.

Hatoyama's approval ratings dipped below 60 percent in a newspaper poll released this week, as many of those polled criticized the prime minister for indecision on the base issue.

Futenma is located in a densely populated part of Okinawa and has become a symbol of the noise, pollution and crime that many Japanese associate with the U.S. military presence.

### U.S., Japanese chiefs to hold annual Mochi Pounding Event

The U.S. Navy and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Chief Petty Officer Associations will hold the 23rd annual Mochi Pounding Event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the JMSDF base, near the JR Yokusuka station.

All chief petty officers and their families are welcome to the event, which will feature music, Japanese games, American and Japanese cuisine and Santa Claus.

### Yokosuka, Navy plan traffic safety campaign this week

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — The U.S. Navy and Yokosuka city police are teaming up from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday for a traffic safety campaign at Yokosuka-Chuo train station.

They will hand out fliers in English and Japanese highlighting the effects of alcohol abuse and drunken driving. To volunteer, call DSN 243-7674.

From staff reports

## New contingency command tested at annual exercise

BY CHARLIE REED  
Stars and Stripes

From a North Korean missile attack to a natural disaster, American and Japanese forces are preparing for the worst this week during their annual exercise in northern Japan dubbed Yama Sakura, or Mountain Cherry Blossom.

The exercise in Hokkaido, which wraps up Monday, brings together about 1,500 U.S. and 3,500 Japanese troops. It will be the first test of the U.S. Army's newest contingency command in the Far East, I Corps Forward, based at Camp Zama.

With about 90 soldiers, the small unit is charged with establishing the command and control headquarters for combat or humanitarian operations in Japan.

"The most difficult aspect is getting there and getting established when crisis occurs," U.S. Army Japan Commander Maj. Gen. Francis Wiercinski, who also commands I Corps Forward, said Saturday before the exercise kicked off. "But with I Corps Forward that's already done."

I Corps Forward is "perfectly designed" for peacekeeping and humanitarian aid and disaster relief scenarios but would need augmenting for combat operations, Wiercinski said.

Still, the unit can command troops from the other services — known as being "joint task force" capable — and could also deploy elsewhere in the region during an emergency, he said.

"Anybody could plug into us and have immediate situational awareness. Our foot-

"Anybody could plug into us and have immediate situational awareness. Our footprint is small so we can move quickly."

Maj. Gen. Francis Wiercinski  
Commander, U.S. Army Japan

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However, I Corps Forward and Yama Sakura primarily are focused on coordinating with Japan's Ground Self-Defense Force and its newly established contingency readiness force, said Lt. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, U.S. Army Pacific commander.

For the first time, U.S. and Japanese forces will share an operations center during Yama Sakura and will test a new joint computer platform that improves information sharing, he said.

Among the war-game scenarios that will play out is a North Korean missile attack, which would trigger the U.S.-Japan missile defense shield — an air, ground and sea-based system. Army operations in such a situation, which the Air Force would command, include positioning Patriot missiles stationed in Japan to defend key civilian and military centers, Mixon said.

"It's well known, the ballistic missile threat that exists in the region."

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## IN THE WORLD

## Russian fire chief fired over deadly club blaze

MOSCOW — The fire chief of a Russian city where a nightclub blaze killed 118 revelers was fired Tuesday and authorities said fire records for the club appear to have been falsified.

President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin urged a broad review of fire regulations, demanding tougher enforcement and lambasting officials and businessmen for their irresponsibility.

## Romanian opposition calls for new vote

BUCHAREST, Romania — The loser in Romania's presidential election called on Tuesday for new elections, claiming he won the race.

Ex-Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana, who narrowly lost Sunday's presidential runoff to incumbent President Traian Basescu, said the elections had been fraudulent.

"In just a few hours an infernal vote-changing machine changed the votes and changed the will of the people," Geoana said. "I won the presidential elections."

Geoana said the party had officially contested the result of Sunday's vote at the Constitutional Court. The court will rule in a few days, and Basescu cannot take office until the ruling had been made.

## Amnesty urges quick end to martial law

MANILA, Philippines — Amnesty International called on the Philippine government Tuesday to end martial law soon in a southern province, where troops cracked down on a powerful clan and its armed supporters blamed for the massacre of 57 people.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo last week declared military rule in Maguindanao province, allowing government forces to arrest members of the Ampatuan clan without court warrants and order some 2,400 loyalists to surrender their weapons.

Air force helicopters dropped thousands of leaflets Tuesday urging the Ampatuan clan followers to surrender and give up their firearms. Two OV-10 bomber planes zoomed across Maguindanao to remind the outlaws what they face if they don't surrender, army Col. Leo Ferrer said.

From The Associated Press

By CHARLES J. HANLEY  
*The Associated Press*

COPENHAGEN — This decade is on track to become the warmest since records began in 1850, and 2009 could rank among the top-five warmest years, the U.N. weather agency reported Tuesday on the second day of a pivotal 192-nation climate conference.

Only the United States and Canada experienced cooler conditions than average, the World Meteorological Organization said, although Alaska had the second-warmest July on record.

In central Africa and southern Asia, this will probably be the warmest year, but overall, 2009 will "be about the fifth-warmest year on record," said Michel Jarraud, secretary-general of the WMO.

The decade — from 2000 to 2009 — "is very likely to be the warmest on record, warmer than the 1990s, than the 1980s and so on," Jarraud told a news conference, holding a chart with a temperature curve pointing upward.

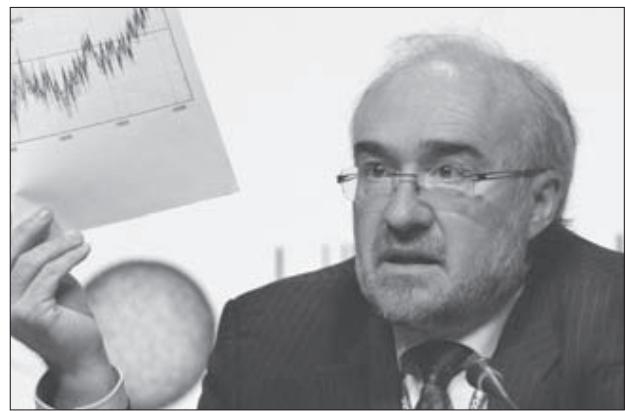
The decade has been marked by dramatic effects of warming. In 2007-09, the summer melt

reduced the Arctic Ocean ice cap to its smallest extent ever recorded. In the 2007-09 International Polar Year, researchers found that Antarctica is warming more than previously believed. Almost all glaciers worldwide are retreating.

Meanwhile, such destructive species as jellyfish and bark-eating beetles are moving northward out of normal ranges, and seas expanding from warmth and glacier melt are encroaching on low-lying island states.

Negotiators at the two-week talks in Copenhagen turned Tuesday to "metrics," "gas inventories" and other dense technicalities, as delegates worked to craft a global deal to rein in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases and stem climate change.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said scientific evidence clearly shows that greenhouse gases "threaten the public health and welfare of the American people" and that the pollutants — mainly carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels — should be reduced, if not by Congress then by the agency responsible for enforcing air



ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/AP

**Michel Jarraud, secretary-general of the World Meteorological Organization, holds a temperature chart during a Tuesday news conference at the U.N. Climate Conference in Copenhagen.**

pollution.

The announcement gave President Barack Obama a new card in what is expected to be a tough bargaining next week at the climate conference.

The U.S. has offered a 17 percent reduction in emissions from

their 2005 level — comparable to a 3 to 4 percent cut from 1990 levels.

Swedish negotiator Anders Turesson on Tuesday said the U.S.' 17 percent reductions "are insufficient and we hope more would come out of that."

## Envoy begins talks with North Korea

By JAE-SOON CHANG  
*The Associated Press*

SEOUL — President Barack Obama's envoy began a rare trip to North Korea on Tuesday for the highest-level talks with the communist country in more than a year. A senior U.S. official warned of



Bosworth

strong sanctions against Pyongyang unless it rejoins international nuclear talks.

Envoy Stephen Bosworth's mission is to find out whether North Korea will return to the stalled international talks on ending

its nuclear programs after carrying out an atomic test blast in May and quitting the six-nation negotiations.

Bosworth's delegation flew to Pyongyang from Osan Air Base near Seoul, the U.S. Embassy in Seoul said.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency later said in a one-sentence dispatch that the delegation arrived in Pyongyang.

Footage from broadcaster APTN in Pyongyang showed Bosworth and Washington's lead nuclear negotiator, Sung Kim, arriving at an airport in Pyongyang, shaking hands with North Korean officials and posing for photos.

In Washington, a senior U.S. official said Bosworth had no new incentives for the North.

"We don't intend to reward North Korea simply for going back to doing something that it

had previously committed to do," the official told reporters, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"There are no inducements or incentives other than the fact that should they resume the talks, then they would be in a position to pursue some of the things that were possible should they proceed with denuclearization."

The official noted that there have been suggestions and indications that Pyongyang may be ready to rejoin the talks involving China, Japan, the two Koreas, the U.S. and Russia.

But he added, "You never know what the answer is until you ask and get the question answered."

The official warned that the North faces strong U.N. sanctions if it does not agree to return to negotiations.

"At a minimum, I think it will reinforce the intention of the international community to con-

tinue a very strong enforcement" of U.N. sanctions resolutions adopted to punish the North for its nuclear test and other provocations, the official said.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told reporters Monday that she hopes Bosworth is successful in persuading the North Koreans to return to the nuclear talks, and that the North will work for "a new set of relationships with us and with our partners."

This week's talks — the first direct U.S.-North Korean talks since Obama took office in January — come after a year of threatening rhetoric and rising tensions on the Korean peninsula.

Earlier this year, Pyongyang expelled U.N. nuclear inspectors, restarted its atomic facilities, test-fired a long-range rocket and a series of ballistic missiles, quit six-party talks and conducted the nuclear test.

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## IN THE STATES

# Obama outlines initiatives for job growth



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**President Barack Obama speaks on the economy at the Brookings Institution in Washington on Tuesday.**

**Focus on infrastructure projects, tax breaks for businesses**

BY PHILIP ELLIOTT

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama outlined major new government stimulus and jobs proposals on Tuesday, saying the nation must continue to "spend our way out of this recession."

Without giving a price tag, Obama proposed a package of new spending for highway, bridge and other infrastructure projects, deeper tax breaks for small businesses and tax incentives to encourage people to make their homes more energy efficient.

"We avoided the depression many feared," Obama said in a speech at the Brookings Institution, a Washington think tank. But, he added, "Our work is far from done."

For the third time in a week, Obama sought to focus on job creation, noting that the jobless rate continues in double digits and that "a staggering" 7 million Americans have lost jobs since the recession began in December 2007.

While his proposal did not include the kind of direct federal public works jobs that were created in the 1930s, he said government could set the stage for more job creation by private businesses.

Obama did not characterize his proposals as another stimulus program, like the \$787 billion version passed earlier this year, but Republican critics have called it just that and have said it will increase a federal deficit that is already at a record level.

Obama included sharp criticism for Republicans in his speech, accusing them of opposing economic stimulus efforts and his health care overhaul while

supporting tax cuts and spending that have ballooned the deficit.

He said that soon after taking office, he and congressional Democrats took "a series of difficult steps" to try to stabilize the financial system and pull the economy out of a deep recession.

"And we were forced to take those steps largely without the help of an opposition party which, unfortunately, after having presided over the decision-making that led to the crisis, decided to hand it to others to solve."

Obama did not say how much his proposals would cost, although congressional Democrats are eyeing a \$70 billion package to help create jobs and to provide aid to hard-pressed state and local governments. Administration aides suggested that the part of the package dealing with roads, bridges and other infrastructure could total about \$50 billion.

While acknowledging increasing concerns in Congress and among the public over the nation's growing debt, Obama said critics present a "false choice" between paying down deficits and investing in job creation and economic growth.

To pay for the new programs, the administration is citing the Treasury Department's report on Monday that it expects to get back \$200 billion in taxpayer-approved bank bailout funds faster than expected.

Obama suggested this windfall would both help the government spend money on job creation while also paying down the nation's \$12 trillion debt.

## EPA says greenhouse gases bad for health

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration took a major step Monday toward imposing the first federal limits on climate-changing pollution from cars, power plants and factories, declaring there was compelling scientific evidence that global warming from man-made greenhouse gases endangers Americans' health.

The announcement by the Environmental Protection Agency was clearly timed to build momentum toward an agreement at the international conference on climate change that opened Monday in Copenhagen. It signaled the administration was prepared to push ahead for significant controls in the U.S. if Congress doesn't act first.

The price could be steep for both industry and consumers. The EPA finding clears the way for rules that eventually could force the sale of more fuel-efficient vehicles and require plants to install costly new equipment — at a cost of billions or even many tens of billions of dollars — or shift to other forms of energy.

No analysis has been conducted by the EPA on costs of such broad regulations, although the agency put the price tag of its proposed climate-related car rules at \$60 billion, with an estimated benefit of \$250 billion.

Energy prices for many Americans probably would rise, too — though Monday's finding will

have no immediate impact since regulations have yet to be written. Supporters of separate legislation in Congress argue they could craft measures that would mitigate some of those costs.

Environmentalists hailed the EPA announcement as a clear indication the United States will take steps to attack climate change even if Congress fails to act. And they welcomed the timing of the declaration, saying it will help the Obama administration convince delegates at the international climate talks that the U.S. is serious about addressing the problem. Obama will address the conference next week.

But business groups said regulating carbon emissions through the EPA under existing clean air law would put new economic burdens on manufacturers, cost jobs and drive up energy prices.

"It will choke off growth by adding new mandates to virtually every major construction and renovation project," declared Thomas Donohue, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

EPA administrator Lisa Jackson said Monday, "There are no more excuses for delaying," adding that the so-called endangerment analysis from global warming had been under consideration at the agency for three years. After the official finding, she said the agency is now "obligated to make reasonable efforts to reduce greenhouse pollutants under the Clean Air Act."

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## FACES

# Diane Sawyer leaving 'GMA'

Diane Sawyer says this week is her last as co-anchor of ABC's "Good Morning America" as she prepares to replace Charles Gibson on the network's "World News."

Gibson is retiring and his last broadcast as anchor on "World News" will be Dec. 18. Sawyer starts Dec. 21. The 63-year-old Sawyer has been on "GMA" for 10 years. She says: "I've calculated — 2,881 shows. Roughly."

Sawyer says she hopes viewers will "celebrate with us this week, and laugh with us this week, and look back a little with us this week."

Meanwhile, an executive with knowledge of the negotiations says ABC News has offered George Stephanopoulos the job of "Good Morning America" co-anchor, although ABC's political expert hasn't said he will take it.

## Weezer cancels tour

Weezer has canceled the rest of its December tour after the lead singer was injured in a bus crash in New York. Rivers Cuomo and band assistant Sarah Kim suffered minor injuries when the group's tour bus skidded on ice, struck a guide rail and slid into a ditch Sunday morning. Cuomo and Kim were hospitalized after the accident in the upstate New York town of Glen. That's about 40 miles west of Albany. They were traveling to a show in Boston. Cuomo's condition isn't clear. A message on the band's Web site says Weezer is canceling the rest of its Raditude tour and will try to reschedule those dates.

## Alexa Ray Joel staying with dad after pill scare



Joel

A publicist says the daughter of Billy Joel and Christie Brinkley is staying with her father two days after being treated in New York for a possible overdose of pills.

Alexa Ray Joel's publicist Claire Mercuri won't say where the 23-year-old is staying. Billy Joel has homes in Manhattan and on eastern Long Island. His daughter was hospitalized for several hours Saturday after police received a 911 call saying she had taken several pills.

Police say it is not clear whether she accidentally overdosed or attempted suicide.

## UK broadcaster apologizes for rat-eating episode

British broadcaster ITV has apologized after two contestants on a reality TV show skinned,



AP file

**Diane Sawyer is currently spending her last week as co-anchor of "Good Morning America." She will start as anchor of "World News" on Dec. 21.**

cooked and ate a rat during filming.

Chef Gino D'Acampo and actor Stuart Manning have been charged with animal cruelty after preparing and eating rat risotto on the wilderness show "I'm a Celebrity ... Get Me Out of Here" last month.

They were charged after complaints by animal welfare activists in Australia, where the show is filmed. The maximum penalty is three years in prison.

ITV said Monday that producers had sought health and safety advice about eating the rat but had failed to check whether killing it was legal.

The broadcaster said it apologized, "and will put in place procedures for next year's series to ensure that this cannot happen again."

## Hot dish

Meghan Rickey and her boyfriend, Cheyne Whitney, prevailed in the 15th edition of the Emmy Award-winning game show, "The Amazing Race." In the finale, they beat two other couples to the finish line by being quickest to count out \$1 million worth of chips at a Las Vegas casino. Dan and Sam McMillen, bickering brothers who recently revealed to each other that they're gay, came in second place.

A Mexican governor says Mel Gibson will make a movie at a prison in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz next year. Veracruz Gov. Fidel Herrera says part of the Ignacio Allende prison will be emptied in January "because a grand production will be filmed there with our friend, the actor and producer Mel Gibson."

Actor Dennis Quaid is helping launch a national program to help prevent medication errors like the one that hurt his newborn twins in 2007. The alert system will send e-mail alerts to roughly 35,000 pharmacists, doctors, nurses and other medical professionals when a serious or potentially serious error happens in giving medication.

— The Associated Press

## Billboard names Powter one-hit wonder of decade

As far as one-hit wonders go, Daniel Powter is king of them all — for this decade, at least.

Powter, whose hit "Bad Day" reigned on top of the Billboard pop charts for five weeks in 2006, was named as the decade's top one-hit wonder by Billboard.

The magazine describes one-hit wonders as acts



whose second hit did not reach the top 25; they only included acts from 2000 to 2007, since someone from last year might just be taking a break.

No. 2 on their list is the Terror Squad for "Lean Back"; No. 3 is Crazy Town with "Butterfly"; No. 4 is MIMS with "This Is Why I'm Hot"; and No. 5 is D4L — remember them? — with "Laffy Taffy."

On the Net: [www.billboard.com](http://www.billboard.com)

— The Associated Press

## Shakira shakes up Oxford Union with address

Michael Jackson and Mother Teresa. Stephen Hawking and the Dalai Lama. And now Shakira.

The Colombian pop singer joined a diverse group of luminaries when she addressed the Oxford Union on Monday. Afterwards, she was photographed in the library. The 32-year-old, who is also a UNICEF ambassador, used her speech to hundreds of Oxford students to stress her belief in education for all. Many students had waited in the rain for the pop star's appearance at the university's famous debating society. "I was born in Colombia, growing up in the developing world where education is perceived as a luxury and not as a birthright," she said.

The pop star runs a charity that builds schools for poor children in Colombia. Shakira said her singing career has helped her campaign.

"I think those two paths have been so parallel in my life," she said. "My career gives me an enormous opportunity to communicate issues that I believe strongly should be communicated."

— The Associated Press



## HERE'S JOHNNY



Japanese fans greet Johnny Depp Dec. 8 at Narita International Airport, east of Tokyo. Depp is visiting Japan to promote his latest film, "Public Enemies."

AP photos

## WIRED WORLD

# an automated dilemma

## Scientists, lawyers mull the rules of a robotic world

By BROOKE DONALD  
The Associated Press

**E**ric Horvitz illustrates the potential dilemmas of living with robots by telling the story of how he once got stuck in an elevator at Stanford Hospital with a droid the size of a washing machine.

"I remembered thinking, 'Whoa, this is scary,' as it whirled around, almost knocking me out," the Microsoft researcher recalled. "Then, I thought, 'What if I were a patient?' There could be big issues here."

We're still far from the sci-fi dream of having robots whirring about and catering to our every need. But little by little, we'll be sharing more of our space with robots in the next decade, as prices drop and new technology creates specialized machines that clean up spilled milk or even provide comfort for an elderly parent.

Now scientists and legal scholars are exploring the likely effects. What happens if a robot crushes your foot, chases your cat off a ledge or smacks your baby? While experts don't expect a band of Terminators to attack or a "2001: A Space Odyssey" computer that takes control, even simpler, benign robots will have legal, social and ethical consequences.

"As we rely more and more on automated systems, we have to think of the implications. It is part of being a responsible scientist," Horvitz said.

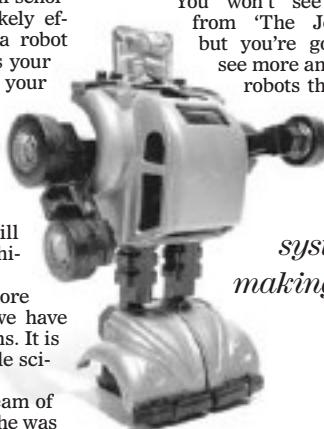
Horvitz assembled a team of scientists this year when he was

president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence and asked them to explore the future of human-robot interactions. A report on their discussions is due next year.

For years, robots have been used outside the home. They detect bombs on the battlefield, build cars in factories and deliver supplies and visit patients in hospitals.

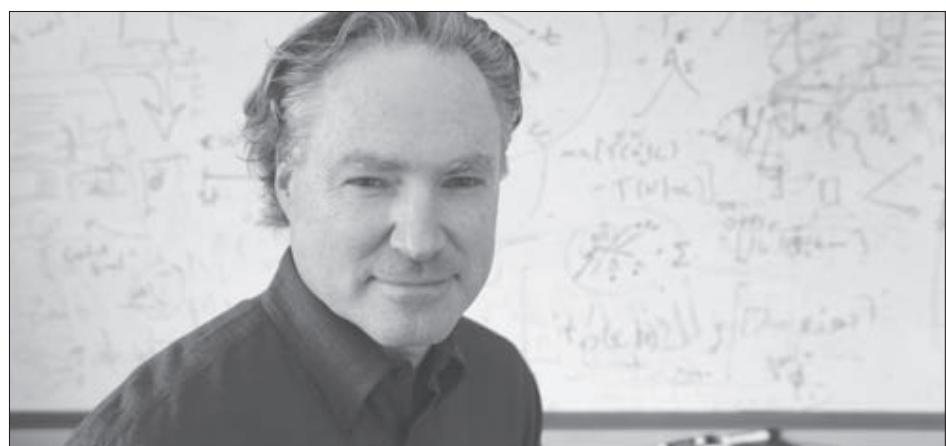
But the past few years have seen the rise of home robots. Mainly they are used for tasks like vacuuming (think Roomba). There are also robotic lawn mowers, duct cleaners, surveillance systems and alarm clocks. There are robotic toys for entertainment, such as Furby. Robotic companions, like Paro the harbor seal, to comfort the elderly. By 2015, personal robot sales in the U.S. will exceed \$5 billion, more than quadrupling what they are now, according to ABI Research, which analyzes technology trends.

"You won't see Rosie from 'The Jetsons,' but you're going to see more and more robots that help



*"It's not just making a system that assists someone. It's making a system that interacts with someone in a way that respects their dignity."*

Ronald Arkin  
Georgia Tech



ABOVE: TED S. WARREN, LEFT: PAUL SAKUMA/AP



**Above:** Eric Horvitz, former president of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence, commissioned a report on the relationship between people and artificial intelligence due out next year. **Left:** Ryan Calo, with Stanford Law School, stands with a medical applications robot in Palo Alto, Calif.

School that the original manufacturer might not always be liable if a robot went haywire.

"Robots are not just things the manufacturer builds and you go out and use them in a specific way. Robots can often be instructed, they can be programmed, you can have software that is built upon by others," he said.

There are no laws in the U.S. specifically governing robots, and discussion of them usually leads to science fiction writer Isaac Asimov's Three Laws of Robotics, which debuted in his 1942 short story "Runaround."

The first of Asimov's laws is that robots should do no harm to a person. It's also one of the biggest considerations when manufacturing the next generation of personal robots.

"If a robot becomes increasingly autonomous and can make its own decisions, what happens if the robot does not carry out the exact wishes of the person?" said George Bekey, a robotics researcher and professor emeritus at University of Southern California.

As robots interact more closely with people, the bonds some people form with the machines — even ones that do not look like humans — might need to be considered.

Shoppers personalize their Roombas, naming and decorating them, for example. Angle recalled an incident when a soldier

plucked a banged-up military robot nicknamed Scooby from an Iraqi battlefield and carried it to a depot to be fixed.

"It's doing you a service, you're going to get attached to it," Angle said.

Ronald Arkin teaches a course on robots and society at Georgia Tech and directs the school's Mobile Robot Laboratory. His most recent book is titled "Governing Lethal Behavior in Autonomous Robots."

"There needs to be ethics embedded in the systems," he said. "It's not just making a system that assists someone. It's making a system that interacts with someone in a way that respects their dignity."

Horvitz said his panel will recommend more research into the psychological reactions humans have to robotic systems. The group, he said, also suggests machines be designed with the ability to explain their reasoning to humans.

While ethicists, lawyers and roboticists ponder how to best integrate humans and autonomous machines, there is some evidence that a balance is already beginning to be struck.

After returning to the Stanford hospital on another occasion, Horvitz noticed a sign hanging above the spot where he had his harrowing experience. It read: "Please Do Not Board The Elevator With The Robot."

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# Toymaker: Zhu Zhu Pets OK

*The Washington Post*

The manufacturer of this holiday season's runaway hit toy, Zhu Zhu Pets, made public its independent laboratory tests showing that the furry electronic hamster does not exceed federal limits for any toxic chemicals.

The disclosure came after a Web site, the Good Guide, said Friday it had found high levels of antimony in the Zhu Zhu Pets' "Mr. Squiggles" model. Antimony is used as a fire retardant in textiles and plastics, and chronic exposure can cause heart and lung problems and other health effects.

Federal laws require that toys contain no more antimony than 60 parts per million. The Good

Guide reported it had tested Mr. Squiggles and detected antimony at levels ranging from 90 parts per million to 103 parts per million.

But the Web site used a relatively inexpensive X-ray device to test the toy, instead of performing more extensive solubility tests required by the federal government.

Cepia LLC, the St. Louis-based manufacturer of Zhu Zhu Pets, took the unusual step of posting its internal test results — provided by Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services, a well-known independent laboratory — that showed the toys did not exceed federal limits of toxic chemicals in solubility tests and other analyses.

# Webster to head Hood probe

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Ex-FBI director William Webster will conduct an independent review of the bureau's handling of information gathered about the Fort Hood shooting suspect before the deadly rampage, officials said Tuesday.

FBI Director Robert Mueller has asked Webster to take a look at how the bureau handled information about Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan in the months before the shooting that killed 13 people at the Texas military base.

Mueller had already ordered an

internal review of the matter, and that review led to a secret report to the White House in late November. The new assignment for Webster takes the internal review a step further, and likely means a more prolonged, in-depth inquiry. Webster is a former judge who also served as CIA director.

In a statement, Mueller called Webster "uniquely qualified" for the job because he "has led independent reviews of various FBI systems and broader policies and provided valuable recommendations. In this case, Judge Webster will have complete access and whatever resources necessary to complete the task."

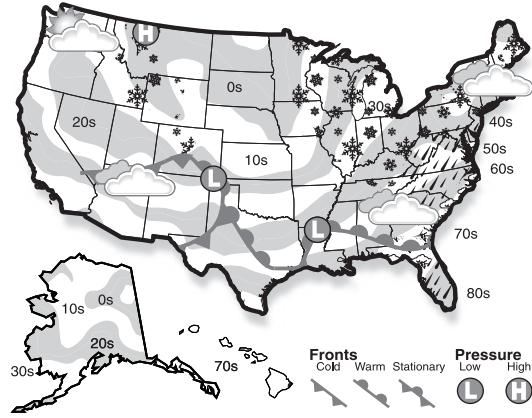
The U.S. military is also reviewing its handling of information about Hasan before the shooting spree, and has sent a report to the White House on the matter. In the FBI's case, members of two anti-terrorism task forces saw e-mails between the Army psychiatrist and a radical imam overseas beginning in December 2008.

One of those task forces reviewed the communications and decided they were in keeping with Hasan's research at the time. As a result, no formal investigation of Hasan was opened — a move that has been criticized by some in Congress.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Dec. 9



### Tuesday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wx	La Paz	64	41	pc
Amsterdam	47	42	clr	Lima	75	64	cdy
Athens	60	44	pc	Lisbon	64	53	rn
Auckland	66	59	rn	London	52	41	rn
Baaghdad	59	59	clr	Madrid	53	47	rn
Basra	69	51	clr	Managua	91	73	clr
Bahrain	74	68	rn	Manila	86	73	clr
Bangkok	88	69	pc	Mecca	84	71	pc
Barbados	86	75	rn	Melbourne	71	57	rn
Barcelona	62	48	clr	Mexico City	78	48	pc
Beijing	35	19	clr	Montevideo	66	55	pc
Beirut	68	55	rn	Montreal	31	26	sn
Belgrade	41	34	cdy	Moscow	24	21	sn
Berlin	48	35	rn	Nairobi	80	60	pc
Bermuda	71	62	rn	Nassau	88	71	rn
Bogota	71	39	pc	New Delhi	75	55	pc
Brasilia	77	64	rn	Nice	55	50	rn
Brisbane	84	72	clr	Osaka	53	37	pc
Brussels	48	40	rn	Oslo	33	32	sn
Bucharest	45	36	cdy	Panama	93	73	clr
Budapest	41	35	rn	Paris	50	41	rn
Buenos Aires	68	56	pc	Perth	85	64	pc
Cairo	69	57	pc	Prague	50	39	rn
Calgary	0	17	clr	Rio de Janeiro	89	75	rn
Caracas	87	77	clr	Rome	57	41	pc
Colombo	87	77	pc	San Jose	82	66	clr
Copenhagen	44	39	rn	San Juan	86	74	rn
Dhahran	75	64	rn	San Salvador	89	68	clr
Dhaka	79	62	clr	Santiago	77	46	clr
Dili	90	75	pc	Sao Paulo	75	66	rn
Dubai	84	67	clr	Sapporo	36	30	sn
Dublin	46	41	rn	Seoul	37	19	clr
Frankfurt	44	36	rn	Singapore	87	77	pc
Geneva	50	45	rn	Sofia	51	32	pc
Guatemala	78	60	pc	Stockholm	41	37	rn
Hanoi	81	68	pc	Sydney	89	69	pc
Harare	81	63	pc	Taipei	75	66	pc
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Helsinki	37	32	sn	Teheran	48	37	rn
Hong Kong	68	63	rn	Tel Aviv	62	55	rn
Islamabad	70	44	clr	Tokyo	57	46	clr
Istanbul	55	42	pc	Turin	48	35	pc
Jakarta	88	75	rn	Toronto	37	31	sn
Jerusalem	62	55	rn	Tunis	71	48	clr
Johannesburg	82	56	clr	Valletta	64	54	clr
Kabul	46	24	clr	Vancouver	36	21	pc
Kiev	36	33	sn	Vienna	39	35	rn
Kuala Lumpur	93	74	rn	Warsaw	46	37	rn
Kuwait	73	64	rn	Zurich	46	42	rn

## THURSDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Wednesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wx	Casper	09	-17	Clr	Erie	48	31	Rain	Jacksonville	81	64	Cldy	Montgomery	68	60	Cldy	Richmond	62	39	Rain	Springfield, Ill.	34	32	Cldy
Abilene, Tex	41	31	clr	Charleston, S.C.	75	57	cldy	Eugene	33	13	pcldy	Juneau	32	24	clr	Nashville	49	45	snow	Roanoke	53	35	rain	Springfield, Mo.	24	24	clr
Akron, Ohio	48	33	rain	Charleston, W.Va.	55	41	cldy	Evansville	42	42	snow	Kansas City	14	14	snow	New Orleans	70	63	clr	Rochester	43	33	snow	Syracuse	41	30	snow
Albany, N.Y.	39	30	snow	Charlotte, N.C.	65	41	rain	Fairbanks	08	06	rn	Key West	83	74	pcldy	New York City	49	38	rain	Rockford	28	26	snow	Tallahassee	77	60	rain
Albuquerque	41	21	pcldy	Chattanooga	59	47	cldy	Fargo	02	06	clr	Knoxville	57	45	clr	Newark	50	37	rain	Sacramento	43	29	cldy	Tampa	80	69	cldy
Allentown, Pa.	42	31	rain	Cheyenne	13	-05	snow	Flagstaff	33	12	pcldy	Lake Charles	65	55	clr	Norfolk, Va.	68	46	rain	St. Louis	32	30	clr	Toledo	43	34	rain
Amarillo	37	17	clr	Chicago	30	29	snow	Flint	38	31	rain	Lansing	37	29	snow	North Platte	10	13	clr	St. Petersburg	81	70	cldy	Topeka	13	12	snow
Anchorage	28	24	clr	Cincinnati	48	37	clry	Fort Smith	36	29	cldy	Las Vegas	48	33	pcldy	Oklahoma City	31	21	clr	St. Thomas	86	76	pcldy	Tucson	61	36	pcldy
Asheville	60	38	pcldy	Cleveland	48	34	rain	Fort Wayne	39	33	rain	Lincoln	09	03	snow	Orlando	83	67	cldy	Salt Lake City	21	11	cldy	Tulsa	31	23	cldy
Atlanta	64	49	clr	Colorado Springs	22	01	pcldy	Fresno	45	31	cldy	Little Rock	47	39	pcldy	Paducah	42	42	clry	San Angelo	49	34	clry	Waco	51	36	clry
Atlantic City	51	38	rain	Columbia, S.C.	70	52	rain	Goodland	12	-06	pcldy	Lincoln	09	03	snow	Pittsburgh	46	34	rain	Washington, D.C.	47	34	rain	W. Palm Beach	85	73	pcldy
Austin	59	47	clr	Columbus, Ga.	70	55	cldy	Grand Junction	29	08	cldy	Los Angeles	59	40	cldy	Pendleton	22	08	pcldy	San Antonio	62	49	clry	Washington, D.C.	47	34	rain
Baltimore	48	34	rain	Columbus, Ohio	46	35	rain	Grand Rapids	35	29	snow	Louisville	47	43	clry	Peoria	31	29	snow	San Diego	60	45	pcldy	Washington, D.C.	47	34	rain
Baton Rouge	45	34	rain	Concord, N.H.	37	23	snow	Great Falls	07	-18	clr	Lubbock	44	23	pcldy	Philadelphia	48	34	rain	San Francisco	50	37	cldy	Wichita	19	14	pcldy
Billings	10	-09	clr	Corpus Christi	68	57	pcldy	Green Bay	31	28	snow	Macau	73	57	cldy	Phoenix	58	41	pcldy	San Jose	52	31	cldy	Wichita Falls	39	25	clry
Birmingham	60	56	rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	45	33	clry	Greensboro, N.C.	63	41	rain	Madison	26	25	snow	Pittsburgh	46	34	rain	Santa Fe	33	14	pcldy	Wilkes-Barre	40	32	snow
Bismarck	06	-08	clr	Dayton	46	35	rain	Harrisburg	41	32	rain	Medford	35	10	pcldy	Pocatello	15	03	cldy	St. Louis	25	19	snow	Wilmington, Del.	47	34	rain
Boise	23	07	pcldy	Daytona Beach	84	69	clry	Hartford	39	28	snow	Memphis	47	44	pcldy	Portland, Maine	38	25	snow	Savannah	76	60	cldy	Yakima	24	03	pcldy
Boston	45	33	snow	Denver	21	-03	pcldy	Helena	05	-15	clr	Miami Beach	86	75	pcldy	Portland, Ore.	33	16	pcldy	Seattle	34	20	clry	Youngstown	48	32	rain
Brownsburg	75	66	pcldy	Des Moines	14	14	clr	Honolulu	81	69	pcldy	Midland-Odessa	43	30	pcldy	Providence	46	31	rain	Shreveport	51	41	pcldy	National Temperature Extremes	High: Mon., 84, at West Kendall, Fla.	Low: Mon., -28, Fort Assiniboine, Mont. and Daniel, Wyo.	
Buffalo	43	34	snow	Duluth	17	08	snow	Huntsville	56	49	cldy	Milwaukee	33	29	snow	Raleigh-Durham	68	45	rain	Sioux City	08	02	snow	Sioux Falls	05	-01	snow
Burlington, Vt.	37	23	snow	El Paso	59	40	pcldy	Indianapolis	41	39	snow	Missoula	11	-05	cldy	Rapid City	09	-11	clr	South Bend	36	31	snow	Spokane	15	04	snow
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## God acted on world's evils

The writer of "Part of God's plan?" (letter, Dec. 3) has a false argument. He starts with three false presuppositions.

The first is, God should be the way the writer wants him to be. Second, he presupposes that human beings are truly good. No one on Earth can say he has kept the Ten Commandments perfectly. We are sinners by nature and are born in rebellion against God. If God is just, he must punish sinners. God owes us nothing else. The third false presupposition is that God has done nothing about this problem of evil.

God, in his love and mercy, was not content to leave us in this hopeless condition. God became a man to live a perfect life in our place and die the death we all deserve (for our sin) in our place, and rose from the dead to prove it. He died for all of us (me included) blasphemy, adultery, lying, stealing, disobedience to parents, covetousness, idolatry, murder (hate anyone lately?), Sabbath-breaking and atheism. God the Father poured out all of his wrath on his own son that he might adopt us wretched sinners for his own. By grace through faith in Jesus Christ, God imputes the righteousness of Christ to the believer and Christ takes the sins of the world. Christ has propitiated God's wrath and he calls us to repent and believe this good news.

Yes, it's God's plan. Romans 9:20: "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?"

Jason Thorp  
Wiesbaden, Germany

## Ideas that hurt U.S.

"Effects of religion's decline" (letter, Dec. 4) illustrates some of the serious intellectual roadblocks damaging our nation and discouraging the vital preservation of liberty, indispensable in maintaining the country we love and serve.

The letter says "Don't whine to me about freedom of choice," a disconcerting sentence that unfortunately reflects an opinion shared by many Americans. As soldiers,

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firsthand the damage possible when the populace adheres to religious mandates that are intolerant of freedoms and ignore common sense and empathy.

Sgt. Jesse Lemon  
Camp Cropper, Iraq

## No good food options

I'm a disabled [Army] veteran and a civilian contractor serving in Afghanistan.

I've noticed a lot of soldiers who can't possibly meet height and weight standards. I still hit the gym regularly, despite my physical limitations. Yet, I appear to be in far greater shape than most soldiers.

I just left a dining facility and here is what I saw: The mainline food, which is usually the same starchy foods served a different way every meal, is OK if you're diligent, choose healthy foods, use the salad bar and/or eat fruit. But the additional stuff ....

I mentally inventoried: three kinds of doughnuts (Is that a jelly doughnut, Private Pyle?), four kinds of cake, five flavors of ice cream and all toppings, three kinds of pie, three kinds of muffins, sugary cereals, five types of cookies, two kinds of Pop-Tarts, every drink in the cooler besides water and milk has sugar, three kinds of chips, four types of hot dessert like cobblers, on top of the prepackaged stuff .... I think I gained five pounds just having typed all that!

This food is in direct conflict with what we preach and teach. It's like telling children "Don't smoke!" while you puff away, or urging them "Don't do drugs!" while you're stoned. We've been "forcing" our soldiers into physical training since they joined, but we've never "forced" them to eat right. Yes, soldiers are adults and can eat what they wish, but this isn't helping matters. The chow halls are filled with unhealthy food and next-to-no good-options, besides a few types of fruit.

You can't "insist" unless you "assist" in any task. This situation is akin to someone serving cocktails at an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting.

Brian M. Alvey  
Forward Operating Base Fenty,  
Afghanistan

## Mayors push to keep guns from terrorists

Washington Post editorial

Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a bipartisan coalition of roughly 500 U.S. mayors, has been pushing for smart and sensible law enforcement solutions to reduce the number of illegal guns obtained by criminals or would-be criminals. Last month, the mayors renewed their call for adoption of two ... potentially powerful proposals.

The first aims to close the ... "terror gap" in existing gun laws by prohibiting anyone on the country's "no fly" list from being allowed to purchase a gun. Such a prohibition would allow the FBI to stop "people who are too dangerous to get on a plane from buying

guns and explosives," said New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. ... This proposal is a no-brainer.

A 2009 report by the General Accountability Office found 865 instances between 2004 and February 2009 where those on the terrorist watch list were able to buy a gun. The law currently bars convicted felons and illegal immigrants ... among others, from purchasing guns, but no mention is made of a suspected terrorist. Legislation to close this loophole, introduced by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Rep. Carolyn McCarthy, D-N.Y., has stalled.

The mayors are also arguing for elimination of a provision that forces the FBI to destroy within 24 hours any record of a

background check performed on someone who passes the screening. The provision is part of the Tiahrt Amendment. ... Before the Tiahrt Amendment was passed, the FBI would routinely keep records of background checks on file for six months. Had this remained the practice, law enforcement agents who were tracking the activities of Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, the alleged gunman in the Fort Hood, Texas, massacre, would have had the opportunity to see that he had purchased a weapon in August.

No one will ever know if knowledge of that purchase ... could have thwarted the Fort Hood attack. There should be no doubt, however, about the need for law enforcement officials to have access to this information.

By GARRY TRUDEAU



## OPINION

## More power perhaps not best in Afghan war

By JOHN M. CRISP

Scripps Howard News Service

At times during [President Barack Obama's] Dec. 1 speech on Afghanistan, my innate skepticism about the possibility of a military solution was challenged by his eloquent reminder that the dreadful events of 9/11 emanated from that part of the world. ...

Still, something doesn't feel quite right. General Stanley McChrystal, the commander in Afghanistan, says that 40,000 troops will be necessary to bring the situation under control. On the other hand, Karl Eikenberry, a former general and current ambassador to Afghanistan, says that more troops will make things worse. So one general says 30,000 additional troops are too few; another says they're way too many. ...

The fact that our European allies have little enthusiasm for this war is disquieting, as well. The President hopes that they will pony up another 5,000 or 10,000 troops. But that low number seems like a half-hearted token, and it's clear that the burden of the fighting will still fall on our troops.

Our allies' lack of enthusiasm merely reflects our own. For some time polls have shown less than wholehearted support among Americans for our uncertain presence in Afghanistan.

Unfortunately, wars that are more like football games are easier to understand and to support: A good war should have an obvious enemy, preferably in uniform, as well as territory that can be captured and

controlled while on the way to a goal that's visible and not too distant.

Vietnam and Iraq, after the initial phase, had none of these characteristics, and public support was difficult to maintain. Afghanistan presents the same problem. The President understands this, and he wisely set a goal in the near-distance, saying essentially, let's try it for eighteen months, and if it doesn't work we'll begin removing troops.

But here's the most disturbing element of all: Every Sunday the political talk show "This Week" announces the names, ages, and hometowns of the soldiers and Marines killed during the previous week in Iraq and Afghanistan. After a bad week, the toll might be 20, other weeks, 10. Some weeks, only five soldiers die.

Unfortunately, this ghastly math continues ... month after month, regardless of whether the Afghan government becomes less or more corrupt ...

The problem is that even at the very conservative rate of, say, seven deaths per week, almost before you know it, eighteen months have passed and more than 500 Americans will be dead. And who knows how many Afghans will die?

If all this death prevents another Sept. 11, perhaps it's worth it. But many believe that ramping up troop levels in Afghanistan will make terrorist attacks more likely ...

Afghanistan puts the President into an extremely difficult position. From what we know about Barack Obama, his deliberations were exhaustive. Nevertheless, we're



winding up doing what we usually do: applying the remedy that we understand best and have the most of, hard military power.

Unfortunately Afghanistan presents no good choices. But the lack of an alternative better than military power doesn't preclude us from opposing an action that is certain to be very costly in blood and

doubtful in its effectiveness.

You don't have to be a military genius to see that raw power doesn't have an encouraging record in this kind of war, in this part of the world. Isn't it time to try something else?

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## For success in Afghanistan, look back to war's start

By DOUG STANTON

In mid-October and early November 2001, about three dozen Army Special Forces soldiers landed in northern Afghanistan and, with the help of a handful of CIA officers, quickly routed a Taliban army whose estimated size ranged from 25,000 to 50,000 fighters. Allied with Afghan fighters, this incredibly small number of first-in soldiers achieved in about eight weeks what the Pentagon had thought would take two years. For the first time in U.S. history, Army Special Forces were deployed as the lead element in a war.

And then, just as quickly, the Americans went home, pulled away to fight in Iraq in 2003. The Taliban soldiers filled the emerging power vacuum, and you pretty much know the rest of the story: Gen. Stanley McChrystal's dire August report on deteriorating conditions in Afghanistan, and President Obama's speech Tuesday announcing an influx of 30,000 additional American troops ...

Obama's stated purposes — to disrupt, dismantle and ultimately defeat al-Qaida, and to train an Afghan army and police force capable of providing for the nation's security — are sensible and even noble. Accomplishing them will go a ways toward creating a more stable country. But his new strategy is not enough, and it may prove a mistaken effort to replicate an Iraq-like approach ...

All the "graveyard of empires" metaphors aside, it's no secret that Afghans excel at repelling occupiers, and dropping 30,000 new troops into the country is a sure way of being perceived as an occupying force. Instead, Obama could steal a page from the original approach to the Afghan war — the Special Forces approach, ... which recognizes, as one Special Forces major explained to me, that an insurgency is a social problem, like teen pregnancy or drug abuse. The solutions evolve (if they do at all) over generations, not in months or in a few years.

The debate over what to do in Afghanistan, then, is really a debate about locating the ... people, places and power brokers who must be influenced to make social change.

When I tuned in to Obama's speech, I was hoping for a plan that did not solely resemble a conventional counterinsurgency strategy, like McChrystal's, with its traditional aims to "clear, hold and build" ground and undertake the complicated task of nation-building. While this strategy has worked in degrees in Iraq, it was preceded by a more nuanced, complex strategy of working with and through local Iraqis, principally in Anbar province. There, men such as retired Army Special Forces Master Sgt. Andy Marchal, who had fought in Afghanistan in 2001 with the first team to enter the country, instigated social change and tamped down violence by creating jobs and working with tribesmen who had decided to stop fighting alongside al-Qaida. ...

This model works tribe by tribe and village by village. It considers violence, unemployment and unrest as part of the same cloth. Special Forces soldiers may arm and train militias to defend themselves, as well as help build water systems and provide

jobs and medical care. It can be slower, nuanced work, and it relies on building rapport with citizens, which is why Special Forces soldiers receive language training and believe awareness of local customs and mores is critical ...

This model can be far less bloody and far less costly than deploying tens of thousands of conventional Army troops, and there are signs that a "tribal-centric" approach is gaining traction with some strategists. One signal is the buzz created by an informal paper called "Tribe by Tribe," by Special Forces Maj. Jim Gant. "When we gain the respect of one tribe," Gant writes, "there will be a domino effect throughout the region and beyond. One tribe will eventually become 25 or even 50 tribes."

Another encouraging sign is a dynamic new effort called the Community Defense Initiative. Afghan citizens and militias not sympathetic to the Taliban are receiving assistance from teams of Special Forces soldiers to defend their villages from Taliban attack. The initiative resembles what Special Forces soldiers did during the fighting in 2001, when they united various ethnic groups and fought together against

the Taliban ...

One advantage to this approach is that it does not rely on a weak and so-far ineffectual government in Kabul for support, which, a defense official said, would be like "hitching our wagon to a crippled horse."

It's not too late to consider wider adoption of the tribal approach. ... The debate about what to do in Afghanistan has often seemed a simple, binary discussion: all in, or all out. ... One better answer is to revisit the lessons from the Special Forces campaign immediately after Sept. 11, 2001. This may not be easy. Within the military, there is resistance to this kind of warfare. The conventional Army, one Special Forces officer told me, was uncomfortable with the decentralized nature of the war effort in 2001 and with how cheap it was.

He recounted how he was once stopped by a senior officer from the conventional Army who told him, "You must be proud of what you did in Afghanistan." The Special Forces officer said he was. "Good," replied the other, "because you'll never get the chance to do it again."

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## Prickly City



By SCOTT STANTIS



## Governor sent callers to sex line

**FL** TALLAHAS-SEE — Oops! In an embarrassing blunder, Gov. Charlie Crist mistakenly directed parents of uninsured children to call a toll-free sex line after two numbers were transposed.

Anyone calling the number Crist gave out was told to call another number.

The recording on that second phone number begins, "Hey there sexy guys" and says the caller can have a more graphic conversation with a woman for \$2.99 a minute.

The Palm Beach Post discovered the mistake. Crist quickly fixed it.

## Bacterial disease brucellosis found in cow

**ID** BOISE — The infectious bacterial disease brucellosis has been found in a beef cow in eastern Idaho, and state agriculture officials are scrambling to see if the infection is isolated or if it has spread to other herds.

Idaho Department of Agriculture state veterinarian Bill Barton sent a memo saying that a beef cow from a newly assembled 600-head herd tested positive for the disease, which is rarely transmitted to humans but can cause spontaneous abortions and other problems in cattle, elk, bison and other mammals.

No calves or bred females have been sold from the herd, according to Barton's memo.

## Winter's here, yet corn harvest drags on

**IL** CHAMPAIGN — Harvest season in the country's No. 2 corn-producing state is dragging on for weeks longer than usual.

The country's corn harvest season — expected to be the second largest U.S. crop ever — is finally winding down in most states. But not Illinois.

Across much of the Corn Belt, a wet spring kept farmers from planting on time or in some cases forced them to replant washed-out crops. The season was followed by a cool, damp summer that slowed crop development.

## Police probe fake radio call reporting shooting

**WA** PORT ANGELES — An investigation is under way after someone broadcast a false report of an "officer-involved shooting" over a police radio frequency in the northwestern Washington city of Port Angeles.

The Peninsula Daily News reports that the phony broadcast from an unknown source said the shooting occurred at a city restaurant.

Officers from the Port Angeles Police Department and three other agencies converged on the restaurant with guns drawn, but found no crime had been committed.

## Wanted: Bank robber with 'offensive breath'

**MI** FERNDALE — He could be called the "Bad Breath Bandit."

Police in a Detroit suburb are looking for a bank robber who tell-



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ers say has crooked yellow teeth and particularly bad breath.

The Detroit Free Press reports that Ferndale police say the man hit the same Charter One bank branch in October and again recently.

Witnesses also say he looks and smells dirty.

### Domestic abuse victims featured in calendar

**TX** HOUSTON — A 2010 calendar is meant to serve as a Texas memorial to 12 young women whose deaths have been blamed on abusive partners.

Olga Rodriguez of Houston founded a nonprofit group and created the calendar in memory of her 18-year-old niece, Daniela Huertas.

The pregnant victim was slain in 2007 by her husband, who then killed himself.

Rodriguez hopes the \$20 calendar will make young women steer clear of unhealthy relationships.

### Company celebrates half a century of work

**VT** BENNINGTON — With news of businesses closing doors due to the tough economy making headlines on a regular basis, it makes the accomplishment of 50 years in business that much more impressive.

Bill Lauzon began Bill's Machine Shop in 1958, which changed



### Pallin' with Palin

**IA** LINCOLN impersonator Lance V. Mack waits in line to get an autograph from Sarah Palin during a book signing in Sioux City, Iowa.

its name a few years later to Lauzon Machine and Engineering Inc.

Employees credit the company's longevity to its dedication to keeping its business local.

### Churches build home for woman, mother

**SC** HILTON HEAD ISLAND — Hattie Davis' Beaufort mobile home is coming apart at the seams.

Gaping holes are forming in the corners of her bedroom, allowing the fall chill to creep in.

Now, the Elderly Transportable House program is giving Davis, a retired Hilton Head Island hotel housekeeper, a new home and some peace of mind.

Davis and her sister saw the two-bedroom, stick-built home for the first time during a dedication ceremony at Hilton Head's St. Andrew By-the-Sea United Methodist Church.

### Lawmaker sorry if 'RedNeck Rap' offends

**KS** TOPEKA — A Kansas lawmaker says he's sorry if he offended anyone by criticizing President Barack Obama while wearing a cap that calls opossum "the other dark meat."

Rep. Bill Otto said during a meeting with the NAACP that he had "absolutely no thought of anything racial" in his online video, "RedNeck Rap."

But he's standing by his rhymes. Among other things, he criticizes bringing Guantanamo Bay prisoners to the U.S. and the economic bailouts.

### Ornaments honor dead, help fund needy patients

**WV** MORGANTOWN — Three Christmas trees twinkle in a corridor off Morgantown Mall's main court displaying handmade colored glass angels and stars among the lights.

Attached to each angel and star is a slip of paper bearing a name — a remembrance of someone who has passed away.

Morgantown Hospice's "Light Up A Life" program sells the ornaments.

The proceeds help support hospice patients.

### Deacon allegedly lied about church robbery

**TX** SUNNYVALE — A deacon who told investigators he slugged it out with robbers to protect the offering of the Dallas-area church allegedly lied.

Authorities are considering charges against Bill Hammett, 77, for filing a false report over what he reported as an attack at First Baptist Church in Sunnyvale.

Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Kim Leach originally said investigators believed that robbers fled with Hammett's wallet and some cash.

KTVT-TV reports investigators say the evidence did not add up and Hammett allegedly confessed. He could not immediately be reached for further comment.

Sunnyvale is about 15 miles east of Dallas.



### Making a statement

People carry signs as they walk in front of the New Jersey Statehouse, in Trenton, where lawmakers were to debate over whether to legalize gay marriage.



### Ice be gone!

Workers spray deicing fluid on a waiting Southwest Airlines jetliner at Denver International Airport.



### Quite festive

Fireworks light up the sky at the end of the annual lighting ceremony at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock.



## Light 'em up!

A United Launch Alliance Delta IV Rocket carrying a communications satellite known as the Wideband Global SATCOM for the U.S. military lights up the sky in Merritt Island, Fla., as it lifts off from Launch Complex 37 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.



## Thankyavermuch!

Marylou Orbik of Pringle, Pa., laughs as volunteer Dave Yefko goes into his Elvis Presley impersonation after she makes a donation outside the Kmart in Edwardsville, Pa. Yefko is a member of the Plymouth Rotary and volunteers every year.



## Going to the dogs

Kingdom in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

The canine stars from Disney's new holiday DVD "Santa Buddies: The Legend of Santa Paws" pose on Main Street U.S.A. at the Magic

## Crowds drawn to islands to catch big waves

**H**ONOLULU — The prospect of seeing waves as high as 50 feet drew hundreds of people to Oahu's North Shore.

There was only one report of sand and debris washing onto a roadway. There were no reports of structural damage caused by the surf.

The National Weather Service forecast the highest waves to hit outer reefs.

Waves reaching 30 to 40 feet were expected to pound Kauai, Molokai and Maui, as well as Oahu. The islands remained under a high surf warning, as did the Big Island.

On Oahu, officials opened three emergency shelters. But only six people stayed in one of them.

The high waves were expected to continue for a couple of days.

## Man has beef with cows damaging his house

**TN** ROGERSVILLE — A Tennessee man's homeowners insurance apparently doesn't cover "acts of cow."

Jerry Lynn Davis called the Hawkins County Sheriff's office, complaining that a neighbor's cows had been licking his house. In the process, Davis says the curious bovines did about \$100 in damage by ripping off a screen window, cracking the glass and pulling down a gutter.

The Kingsport Times-News reports that Davis' home is just a couple of feet from a fence enclosing the cows' pasture. They managed to poke their heads through to lick the house, though a deputy's report did not indicate what made the house so tasty.

Deputy Chris Funk was able to contact the cows' owner, who said he'd take care of the problem.

## Redevelopment starts at lakefront lodge site

**OK** KINGSTON — Construction is under way on a massive lakefront redevelopment at Lake Texoma near Kingston.

Demolition of the old lodge and several nearby buildings is expected to take between four and six months.

Pointe Vista at Lake Texoma will be a master-planned residential lake community featuring a variety of small to large lakefront properties and luxury resort amenities, including a conference center, hotel, golf courses, and a marina.

The \$750 million project is expected to cover 3,000 acres.

## Ranchers gearing up for fight over water rights

**MT** BILLINGS — Agricultural interests and residential subdivisions across the arid West are vying for control of water supplies that have emerged as one of the region's most coveted natural resources.

In one of the latest skirmishes, five Montana ranch owners filed a petition asking the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation to stop giving away water use rights for tens of thousands of new homes being built in areas once dominated by agriculture.

The ranchers' petition charges that the state's water rules are stacked against them.

The rules allow small wells used by each house within larger subdivisions to qualify for exemptions from state water laws. Those laws otherwise give precedence to the "senior" rights of farms and ranches.

Rancher Polly Rex characterized the exemption as a loophole that ultimately could rob her of the means to grow hay and water her livestock. Rex said a subdivision of more than 60 homes going up next to her Absarokee ranch could eventually draw down the natural springs she uses on an adjacent 1,250-acre field.

"I just really don't think I should change how I do our business because of somebody else," said Rex, whose water rights date to the late 1800s.

## Police officer killed while awaiting backup

**PA** PENN HILLS — A suburban Pittsburgh police officer awaiting backup was fatally shot in his parked patrol car by a man who emerged from a home moments after killing someone over a \$500 drug debt, police said.

Penn Hills police Officer Michael Crawshaw, 32, was the first to respond to a 911 call. Crawshaw was advised to wait in his patrol car because of past problems reported at the home and because dispatchers heard shots over the phone, Penn Hills Chief Howard Burton said.

Ronald Robinson, 31, was charged with burglary and two counts of homicide, Moffatt said.

Crawshaw was taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly before 9 p.m.

## Water agency predicts glum year amid drought

**CA** FRESNO — California officials expect to release a record-low amount of water to 25 million residents next year if the drought continues, a grim outlook for local farmers and urban dwellers already struggling to conserve after three years of persistent dry weather.

Lester Snow, who directs the state Department of Water Resources, said the agency anticipates delivering just 5 percent of what was requested by its contractors — the lowest projection in history.

While water deliveries could increase if more rain and snow falls over the winter months — a likely possibility if El Nino weather patterns hit California — Snow said the state had to assume it would be faced with a fourth year of drought.

## New bidding program could save county money

**HI** HILO — Hawaii County officials say more competitive bid specifications for roadside work could end up saving county taxpayers more than \$1 million over the next two years.

Officials say Kamaaina Pumping, which has held a contract for roadside drywell and culvert cleaning since 1996, was the apparent low bidder on the two-year contract.

The company bid about half what it charged for the previous two years, when it billed the county \$2.5 million for the same work.

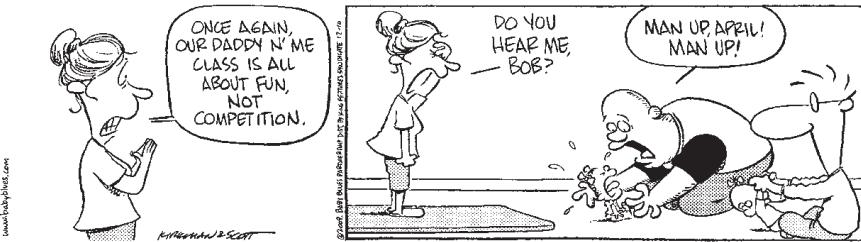
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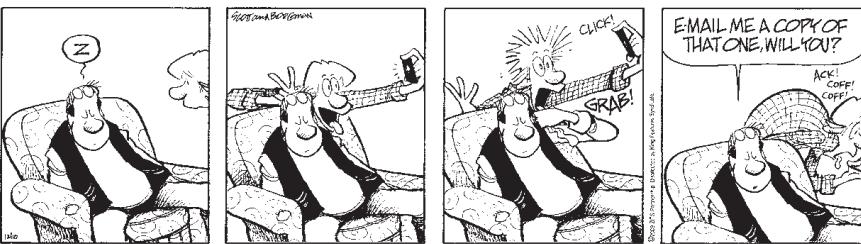
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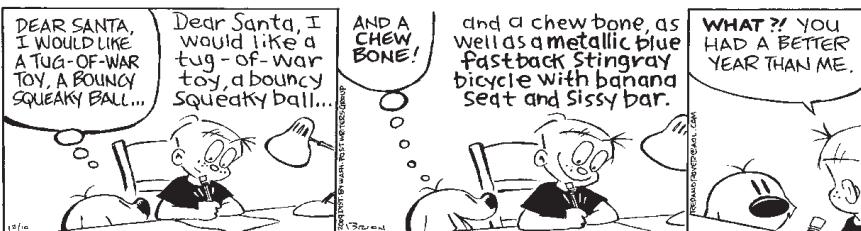
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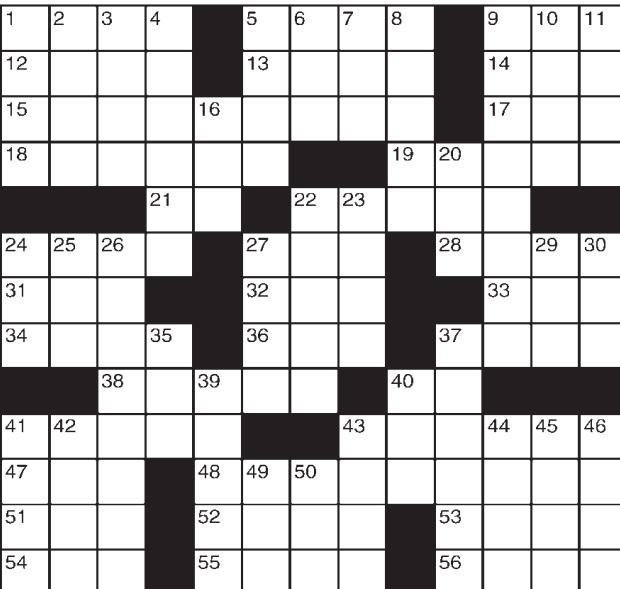
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17 More than mist  
18 Red-light building  
19 Preamble  
21 Tagged player  
22 Extemporize  
24 North Sea feeder  
27 Aviate  
28 Deposited  
31 Apiary dweller  
32 Golfer's concern  
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34 Prejudice  
36 Rowing need  
37 Arctic gull  
38 Freeway exits  
40 Exist  
41 Ride into space?  
43 Burns somewhat  
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48 Money storage site  
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53 Story  
54 Pesticide letters  
55 Credit card result  
56 Formerly, formerly

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7 Extinct New Zealander  
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10 Bloodhound's clue  
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF MY DOG'S FEET CAUSE A PERSON A LEVEL OF UNCERTAINTY, I WOULD SAY THEY GIVE HIM PAWS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals O

# Readers weigh in on smart girl

**Dear Abby:** Your advice to "Smart Seventh-Grader" (Sept. 26) was supportive, but did not address the heart of her problem. Many years ago I was that little girl. No one had explained to me there is a difference between knowing the answer to the teacher's questions and knowing how to THINK.

Her teachers and friends already know she knows all the answers. She has nothing to prove, so you should have told her to set herself an intellectual goal of asking questions in class that will spark the imaginations of other students and deepen the discussion.

When she can't do that, she can sit quietly and let the teacher interact with others who don't already know all the material.

No one likes to be around a know-it-all.... The sooner she learns that lesson the happier she'll be.

**Dear Abby**



— **Barbara, A Librarian in N.Y.** Dear Barbara: While I hate to see any child hide his or her light under a barrel, you are right about the importance of children developing social and coping skills. I received a blitz of e-mail from teachers and parents. Read on:

**Dear Abby:** As a teacher of 30 years, allow me to provide another response to "Smart Seventh-Grader." It's possible that the student who accused her of being a "know-it-all" is one who would like to answer.

Does she raise her hand to answer every question the teacher asks? Some kids are intimidated by it, so she should limit herself so others also have a chance to answer. They need a chance to shine, too.

— **South Carolina Teacher**

**Dear Abby:** I am an adult

now, but I was once that child. Grades came easily to me, and sometimes other kids made fun of me. I purposely missed answers on tests at times to avoid getting a perfect score and being teased.

When I was older and began dating, I remember my mom telling me boys didn't like girls who were smarter than them. So I began hiding the gifts and talents God had blessed me with. I married young to a man who was intimidated by my intelligence, so I hid it away.

Then one day something happened, I had a daughter who was blessed with an intelligent mind. It was then that I realized I had to embrace my intelligence.

May I share with "Smart Seventh-Grader"? NEVER hide your God-given talents to make someone else feel better.

— **Older And Wiser in Indiana**

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# JUMBLE

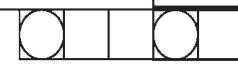
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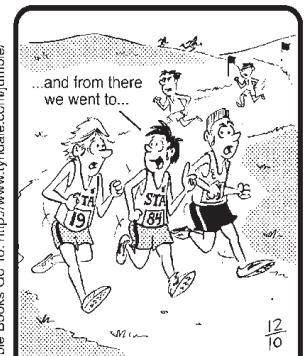


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THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



THE TALKATIVE CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNER WAS DESCRIBED AS ---

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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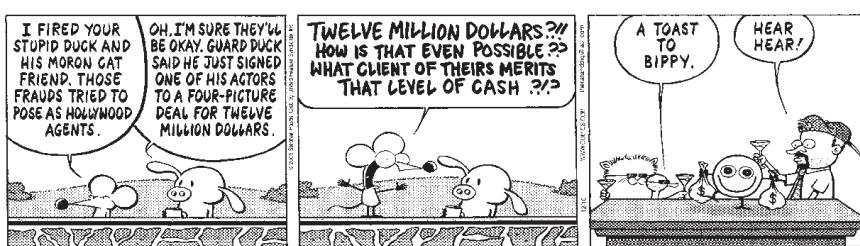
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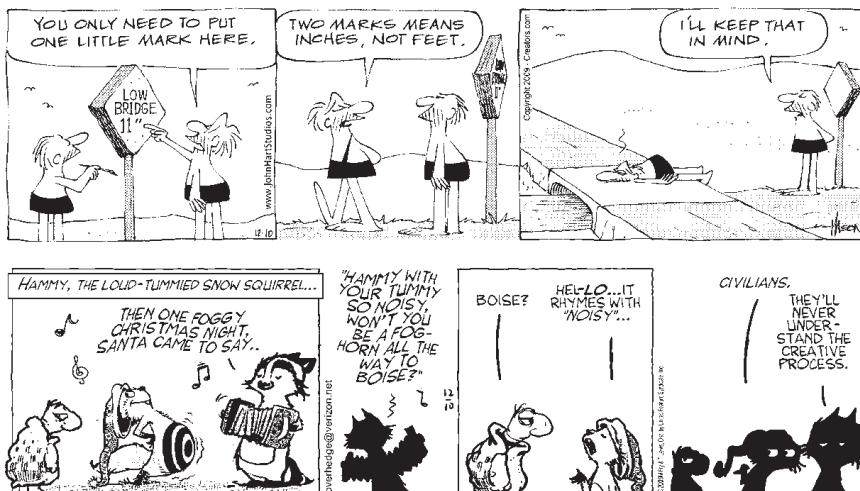


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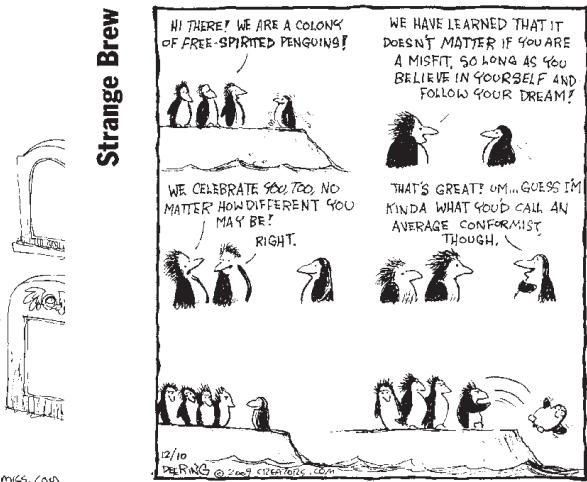
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## Pardon My Planet Over The Hedge



## Strange Brew



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## AFN Television Schedule

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(2:20) Movie "Contact" (1997, Science Fiction)	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals	Jodie Foster. A scientist seeks alien life in deep space.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Color Splash		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) PokéMon	(40) Zatch Bell			Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Banana Slip, Double Dip"	SportsCenter	
16:30						Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The American Veteran	King of the Hill		
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Ent. Studios	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline		Downrange	The Colbert Report		
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Frosty the Snowman	Movie "Inside Man" (2006)	The O'Reilly Factor	American Dad	Ft. Hood on Track	Homeland Security USA		
19:30		Charlie Brown Christmas	Denzel Washington, Clive Owen. A cop matches wits with a bank robber.		Family Guy	Today's Air Force			
20:00	Access Hollywood	Movie "Christmas in Wondaland" (2007, Comedy)	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Hawthorne "Trust Me"	Briefing Encore	Southern Belles: Louisville			
20:30	The King of Queens	Matthew Knight, Chris Kattan, Cameron Bright.			Fit For Duty	"Facing Our Differences"			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	(.05) Movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005, Romance-Comedy)	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Battleground	The Mentalist "Ladies in Red"			
21:30		Steve Carell, Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd.			Air Force Football				
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG					Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld (Part 1 of 2)
22:30		Strange Days							Friends
23:00	Days of our Lives	Movie "Ring" (2002)	7th Heaven "Dick"	America's Newsroom	Conan O'Brien	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		
23:30		Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson.			Late Show W/Letterman	Week-Pentagon	The Colbert Report		

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Frosty the Snowman	(11:00) Movie "Ring" (2002)	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon		
00:30		A Charlie Brown Christmas	Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Movie "Christmas in Wondaland" (2007)	(10) Movie "Shaft" (2000, Action)	MSNBC Live	Craig Ferguson	EXchange on Air	Cane "Family Business"		
1:30	Jeopardy!	Matthew Knight. Kids find a sack of counterfeit money in a Canadian mall.	Samuel L. Jackson, Vanessa L. Williams. A detective and his partner track a sociopath.	Judge Judy		Fit For Duty			
2:00	Headline News			Happening Now	House "House Divided"	House "House Divided"	Ghost Whisperer "Pieces of You"		
2:30	ATS/AFN Report				MSNBC Live	Today's Air Force			
3:00	American Dad	Degrassi: Next Generation	Movie "Inside Man" (2006, Suspense)	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange	Psych "Ghosts"		
3:30	Family Guy	Strange Days-Blake Holesy	Denzel Washington, Clive Owen. A cop matches wits with a bank robber.			This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00	Hawthorne "Trust Me"	7th Heaven "Dick"		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Pilot, Part I"		
4:30				Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies "Lambs"	(.05) Movie "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005)	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie	Steve Carell. Three co-workers unite to help their buddy get a sex life.	Good Morning America	All Hands TV	Essence of Emeril	College Football Live		
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Recon	Down Home With the Neelys		
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House	Behind the Scenes	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Downrange	E! News Entertainment news.	Jim Rome Is Burning		
7:00	Late Show With David Letterman	Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com		The View	Desperate Housewives	Around the Horn		
7:30		Go, Diego, Go!	Hollywood Dailies		Fit For Duty		The Daily 10		
8:00	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Handy Manny	NBC Nightly News		Around the Services		Pardon the Interruption		
8:30		The Wonder Pets!	Entertainment Tonight	World News-Gibson	ER "Tell Me No Secrets"				
9:00	Oprah Winfrey	Little Einsteins	Movie "A Touch of Hope" (1999, Biography)	CBS Evening News	The Dr. Oz Show	Desperate Housewives	SportsCenter		
9:30	Judge Judy	Little Einsteins	Anthony Michael Hall, Abraham Benrubi.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Fit For Duty				
10:00	House "House Divided"	Peep and Big Wide			Alexis "FNG" Useful benefits.				
10:30		Super Why!			State Dept Briefing				
11:00			(.45) Movie "Beautiful Girls" (1996, Comedy)	Hannity	The Grill Sergeants	Grey's Anatomy "Sympathy for the Devil"			
11:30			Timothy Hutton, Matt Dillon. Old friends reunite for their high-school reunion.	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	State Dept Briefing			
12:00	Dr. Phil	Handy Manny	Go, Diego, Go!	The King of Queens	The Grill Sergeants	CSI: NY "Tri-Borough"			
12:30		Go, Diego, Go!	(.35) Movie "Silent Night" (2002)	Special Report With Bret Baier	Fit For Duty				
13:00	CBS Evening News	Bear in the Big Blue House	Linda Hamilton. A woman feeds American and German soldiers on Christmas Eve.	Campbell Brown	Battleground	Challenge			
13:30	ESPN	Blue's Clues	Sesame Street		Around the Services				
14:00	The FOX Report With Shepard Smith	Bear in the Big Blue House			Briefing Encore	Emeril Live			
14:30		Sesame Street							
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(.20) Movie "Little Big Man" (1970, Western)	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	Downrange			
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals	Dustin Hoffman, Faye Dunaway. A 121-year-old man recounts his life as a Wild West pioneer.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	AFN Europe Report	Design on a Dime		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) PokéMon				Balad and Beyond	My Big Amazing Renovation		
16:30		(40) Zatch Bell				Fit For Duty	MythBusters A classic physics problem is to the test.		
17:00	The View	(.05) The Fairly OddParents				Battleground			
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	Biography "Denzel Washington" Denzel Washington.	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	The Grill Sergeants	King of the Hill		
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19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Aaron Stone "Xero Control"	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline		Downrange	The Colbert Report		
19:30		That's So Raven		The O'Reilly Factor	Rules of Engagement	This Week in the Pentagon			
20:00	Access Hollywood	Made "BMX"					Wipeout		
20:30	The King of Queens			Countdown With Keith Olbermann	(.25) 30 Rock	The American Veteran			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Pig Is a Boy Is a Dog"			ER "The Book of Abby"	Battleground	Army Wives "Post and Prejudice"		
21:30						Recon Revisited	Recon Revisited		
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holesy							
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Life and Death" (Part 1 of 2)							
23:30				Lord of the Rings					

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Aaron Stone "Xero Control"	(11:20) Movie "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (2001)	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Army Newswatch	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon		
00:30		That's So Raven	Elijah Wood, Hobbits and allies begin a quest to destroy the One Ring.	MSNBC Live	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange	Burn Notice "Bad Blood"		
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Made "BMX"	(.40) Movie "A Prairie Home Companion" (2006, Comedy)	Judge Judy	Craig Ferguson				
1:30	Jeopardy!		Meryl Streep. A radio show's cast prepares for the final broadcast.	Happening Now	House House is desperate to find a cure for his insomnia.	The American Veteran	Lipstick Jungle "Chapter Seven: Carpe Threesome"		
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "A Pig Is a Boy Is a Dog"				Around the Services			
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					Oprah Winfrey	Downrange		
3:00	Rules of Engagement	Degrassi: Next Generation				All Hands TV	Medium "Aftertaste"		
3:30	(.25) 30 Rock	Strange Days-Blake Holesy				MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil		
4:00	ER "The Book of Abby"	7th Heaven "Life and Death" (Part 1 of 2)					Recon Revisited	Seinfeld "The Pilot, Part II"	
4:30							State Dept Briefing	Friends	
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies							
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 MR-S Edition Red Convertible, CD/MD, DVD, Navigation, 65400km, Good condition. JCI until Dec 2009 Asking 60,000 yen Please e-mail [tomkiss@yokota.com](mailto:tomkiss@yokota.com)

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 Toyota Corolla, Set of 4 black 15x7 Michelin tires, JIC until Nov. 2010 Asking \$7000 OBO Please email [mv4slayer@aol.com](mailto:mv4slayer@aol.com) or call Nick 080-3696-3998

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# Report: Fla. trooper sought Woods' blood results

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
The Associated Press

WINDERMERE, Fla. — A Florida trooper who suspected Tiger Woods was driving under the influence sought a subpoena for the golfer's blood results from the hospital he was taken to after crashing his SUV, but prosecutors rejected the petition for insufficient information, according to a police report released Monday.

A witness, who wasn't identified in the report, told trooper Joshua Evans that Woods had been drinking alcohol earlier. The same witness also said Woods had been prescribed two drugs, Ambien and Vicodin.

The report did not say who the witness was but added it was the same person who pulled Woods from the vehicle after the accident outside his home. Woods' wife, Elin, has told police that she used a golf club to smash the back windows of the Cadillac Escalade to help her husband out.

"Impairment of the driver is also suspected due to the careless driving that resulted in the traffic crash," Evans wrote in the report dated Nov. 30 that was released by the State Attorney General's office.

Woods' attorney, Mark NeJame, didn't return a phone call for comment.

The world's No. 1 golfer hit a hydrant and a tree around 2:25 a.m. on Nov. 27. The Florida Highway Patrol last week cited Woods for careless driving and fined him \$164.

Another police report offered new details into the accident from the officer who first responded to the 911 call.

Woods was at first unresponsive, lying on the road covered in a blanket and resting his head on a pillow, according to the report from the Windermere Police Department. The officer, whose

name was redacted from the report, said Woods tried to stand up before the officer told him to lie down for his safety. The officer used the pillow to immobilize the golfer's spine.

Woods was bleeding from cut lips but was breathing normally. His wife, Elin, was kneeling over him.

The sport utility vehicle's engine was still running, the front passenger door was jammed and both rear door windows were bro-

ken out. Two golf clubs were next to a golf cart, which also was in the road. The officer found \$235 in the vehicle, according to the report, which was obtained through a public records request.

Emergency crews were summoned to Woods' mansion for the second time in less than two weeks Tuesday, this time because his mother-in-law was having stomach pains.

Barbro Holmberg was taken by ambulance to Health Central

Hospital after someone called 911 about 2:35 a.m., hospital spokesman Dan Yates said. She was in stable condition later Tuesday and her condition was not serious, but Yates said he could not be more specific because of privacy laws.

Holmberg, who arrived in the U.S. a few days ago, lives in Sweden and is the mother of Woods' wife, Elin.

Health Central is the same hospital where Woods was treated

after he crashed his sport utility vehicle.

Yates said Holmberg was in a private room and the family has hired additional security to keep the media away. He said family members have visited, but he would not say which ones.

"She's in a wing that helps protect her privacy," Yates said.

Associated Press Writers Mike Schneider in Orlando, Antonio Gonzalez in Windermere and Louise Nordstrom in Stockholm contributed to this report.

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# HOME TEAM

A WEEKLY LOOK AT LOCAL SPORTS

# 'The door is open to change'

## New DODDS-Pacific director willing to listen

BY DAVE ORNAUER  
*Stars and Stripes*

**F**or years, baseball, softball and track athletes have suffered as their spring soccer counterparts would pack off to Far East tournaments while they sat home during May.

But take heart, says DODDS-Pacific's new director Diana Ohman — the wait could be nearly over.

"There has to be planning time. It doesn't happen overnight," she said. "I think it can be done in a year. By 2010-11, you will see movement toward that, starting yesterday. You will see it come to fruition."

Ohman spoke Friday of making track, softball and baseball part of the Far East Activities Calendar during a wide-ranging interview with Stripes at DODDS-Pacific's headquarters here.

The lifelong educator, who served the past 10 years in the same capacity in Europe, arrived in the Pacific with a reputation as a "sports enthusiast" with "new ideas" that could benefit Far East sports.

"One of the reasons I was willing to come was that I think we can add some things and make them our own and improve the chances and opportunities for young people," she said.

The FEAC schedule as it is now is "not fair and equitable," Ohman said. "There are more sports and academic activities offered in Europe."

Issues such as financing, weather, where the meets can be, how long they last, pitching arms, the two-week Advanced Placement testing period and Japan's Golden Week travel period must be overcome.

"Only one thing on that list was more or different than we faced in Europe and that was Golden Week," she said. "Everything else — the rainy periods, dates for tests — we dealt with and we put those on the map."

One thing that might help is a new procurement system for buying air passage for student-athletes to Far East tournaments. Instead of base airline ticket offices, districts are now buying from local contracted vendors at a "huge" savings, Ohman said.

Just for Far East tournaments in November, the new system resulted in a 51 percent savings from a year ago, or more than \$235,000. All of it stays within the activities budget,



DAVE ORNAUER/Stars and Stripes

**New DODDS-Pacific director Diana Ohman, who served the past 10 years in the same capacity in Europe, said she is open to adding track, softball and baseball championships to the Far East Activities Calendar. "There has to be planning time. It doesn't happen overnight," she said.**

Ohman said.

"We could do all kinds of things," she said. "If we're going to develop new sports and other activities, we'll need equipment, uniforms, whatever we need, we can reinvest" that savings.

Options include adding days to existing events, such as tennis, cross country and wrestling meets — or even readmitting non-DODEA schools to those meets.

"Everything is on the table," Ohman said, adding that if the Far East Activities Council, headed by Don Hobbs, recommends that, "I'll approve it. I'm willing to listen to anything, the pros, cons, expense, the feasibility. ... The door is open to change, absolutely."

Hobbs says reinstating international schools, barred from tennis, cross country and wrestling in 2004, can "always be discussed."

"We would have to ensure that host schools have adequate facilities and sufficient billeting," Hobbs said. "If non-DODEA schools are added to the mix, we will have to look closely" at optimum team levels.

Basketball, volleyball and soccer tournaments, to which non-DODEA schools are invited, are "working fine," Hobbs said. "Teams are playing regularly and no team is being asked to play too many games. The question might be, do some of the tournaments have too many teams?"

Whatever the outcome, all those efforts, Ohman said, are being made toward the betterment of activities and students who participate.

"I'm not going to rule out one thing until coaches, athletic directors, principals, superintendents and military leaders have had some input, then some thoughts about organizing, time and expense have to be added in," Ohman said.

She doesn't plan, she says, to "Europize" the Pacific, but "we can add things and call them our own. I'm willing to listen to all options if we think we're doing something that's even better for the kids. What we do today is very good for kids. But we can be even better."

Sports, Ohman said, is what got her through high school and "I just never let go." They teach things that students cannot get in the classroom and are a perfect training ground for life, she said.

"I've seen sportsmanship turn kids around, how they view life, treat people and behave," Ohman said. "That whole business about teamwork and being part of a greater whole is invaluable. And it's up and off the couch, it's out there bouncing around and doing things. That's paramount for kids today."

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### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

#### Josh Adair

**Basketball, Nile C. Kinnick**

**Last week:** Averaged a double-double as the Red Devils won all three games they played and improved to 6-0, their best start in five years.

Adair, a junior, had 10 points and 10 rebounds as Kinnick held off American School In Japan 77-72 on Wednesday. He then had 12 points and 11 rebounds, including seven in overtime, five at the foul line, in the Devils' 67-63 overtime victory Friday over Robert D. Edgren, and 10 points and 14 rebounds as Kinnick routed Matthew C. Perry 57-33.

"Josh is the kind of kid a coach dreams about: He's intelligent, never quits, can play all five positions and, most importantly, is totally unselfish," his coach and father Mike Adair said. "He could easily get 15 to 20 points a game at guard, but he understands his team lacks the height it's had in past years and plays the forward-center position with a vengeance."



#### Liz Gleaves

**Basketball, Seoul American**

**Last week:** Averaged double figures in scoring and led the team in assists and steals as the Falcons won three Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference games, all on the road, to improve to 4-0.

Gleaves, a junior, had nine points, six steals and four assists in the Falcons' 50-16 victory at Seoul Foreign on Wednesday. In Friday's 56-18 victory at Taejon Christian International, she added 14 points, seven assists and seven steals, then 18 points, eight steals and eight assists in Saturday's 56-25 victory at Daegu American.

"The sky is the limit for her," coach Billy Ratcliff said. "She's tremendous. Incredible athleticism. Having a year in my system, she's used to what I'm expecting, the role I want her to play. She's so unselfish. She could score more, but she sees herself as a playmaker."



Selected by Stars and Stripes staff.

### Schedule

<b>Guam Wrestling</b> (Wednesday duals begin at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 9)
Notre Dame vs. Father Duenas, Southern at GW
<b>Saturday</b>
Notre Dame vs. Southern, Guam High at Father Duenas
<b>Girls basketball Postseason</b> (games start at 6 p.m. except noted)
At University of Guam Field House
<b>Thursday Semifinals</b>
Game 7-Simon Sanchez vs. AOLG, 5:30 p.m.
Game 8-GW vs. Notre Dame, 7 p.m.
<b>Saturday Third-place game</b>
Game 9-Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 5:30 p.m.
Game 10-Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 7 p.m.
<b>Baseball Thursday</b>
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<b>Girls basketball Thursday</b>
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Saturday
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<b>Wednesday, Dec. 16</b>
Kadena at Kubasaki, 5 p.m.
<b>Wrestling Preseason</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 9</b>
Kubasaki at Kadena, 6 p.m.
<b>Japan Boys basketball Wednesday, Dec. 9</b>
St. Mary's at St. Maur, 5 p.m.
<b>Friday-Saturday</b>
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<b>Thursday, Dec. 17</b>
Yokota at Zama, 5:30 p.m.
<b>Wrestling</b>
<b>Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools Wednesday, Dec. 9</b>
Kinnick at ASUJ, 6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>
CAJ Tournament, 9 a.m.

### Game of the week

#### Boys basketball

<b>Kadena (10-0) at Kubasaki (3-5)</b>
When: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Where: Dragons Den, Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster, Okinawa
What: Fourth of six regular-season meetings between the most decorated boys basketball programs in DODDS-Pacific high school history. The teams have amassed 17 of 60 banners issued since the Far East Class AA Tournament began in 1949. Kubasaki has won nine, its last in 2007, and Kadena eight, most recently in 2005. Kadena won the first regular-season meeting, 68-53, on Nov. 11, at the Okinawa Convention Center, then beat the Dragons, 86-66, in the first round of the Hong Kong International School Holiday Basketball Tournament playoffs. The two teams met again on Tuesday at Kadena as this edition went to press.
Players to watch: From the outside, Taiyo Robertson and L.J. Hubbard, and from the inside, Kevin Paranal, Jason Sumpter and Jeremy Howell have been responsible for the Panthers' 10-0 start, the best under coach Robert Bliss' watch. Kentrell Key must man up inside against the inside threesome for the Dragons, while Kai Yamaguchi, DaShawn Johnson and Dionte Watie, among others, must get hot from outside to slow Kadena.

# SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

### Wednesday

**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Cleveland at Memphis (did).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL: Replay: Game 1, Oakland at Pittsburgh (did, 90-minute cutdown).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL: Replay: Game 2, New Orleans at Washington (did, 90-minute cutdown).

### Thursday

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—NBA: Cleveland at Memphis (did).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—NBA: Chicago at Atlanta.

**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Georgia vs. St. John's.

**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—College basketball: Villanova at St. Joseph's.

**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—College basketball: Kentucky vs. Connecticut.

**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Portland at Indiana (did).

**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL: Replay: Game 3, Dallas at N.Y. Giants (did, 90-minute cutdown).

**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL: Replay: Game 4, New England at Miami (did, 90-minute cutdown).

### Friday

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—NBA: Detroit at Philadelphia.

**AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**—NFL: Pittsburgh at Cleveland.

**AFN-Xtra, 10 a.m.**—NBA: Boston at Washington.

**AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Orlando at Utah.

**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—College basketball: Syracuse vs. Florida (did).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard; (did) indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Visit [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net) for more information.

## College soccer

### Men's Division I tournament

#### Quarterfinals

#### Friday, Dec. 4

North Carolina 2, Drake 1

Virginia 3, Maryland 0

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

Akron 1, Tulsa 0

Wak Forest 2, UCLA 0

#### Semifinals

#### Friday, Dec. 11

At Cary, N.C.

North Carolina vs. Akron

Virginia vs. Wake Forest

#### Championship

#### Sunday, Dec. 13

At Cary, N.C.

Semifinal winners

### Women's Division I tournament

#### Semifinals

#### Friday, Dec. 4

At College Station, Texas

Stanford 2, UCLA 1, OT

North Carolina 1, Notre Dame 0

#### Championship

#### Sunday, Dec. 6

At College Station, Texas

North Carolina 1, Stanford 0

## Interservice

### Basketball

#### Guam

#### 2009 Andersen Thanksgiving Turkey Shootout

At Coral Reef Fitness & Sports Center, Andersen Air Force Base, Guam

Double-elimination playoffs

#### Friday's game

Game 1—Andersen Air Force Base B 89, MVP Stars 85

#### Saturday's games

Game 2—Andersen Air Force Base A 100, Andersen Air Force Base B 69

Game 3—Budweiser 86, Naval Station 83

Game 4—MVP Stars 94, Guam National Team 86

Game 5—Andersen Air Force Base B 93, Naval Station 92; Naval Station eliminated

Game 6—Andersen Air Force Base B 90, Guam National Team 71; Guam National Team eliminated

Game 7—Andersen Air Force Base A 123, Budweiser 102

#### Sunday's games

Game 8—Budweiser 2, MVP Stars 0, walkover; MVP Stars eliminated

Game 9—Budweiser 103, Andersen Air Force Base B 95; Andersen Air Force Base B eliminated

#### Monday's games

Game 10—Andersen Air Force Base B 131, Budweiser 87; Budweiser eliminated

#### Awards

Most Valuable Player—Nicholas Welch, Andersen Air Force Base A.

All-Tournament team—Nicholas Welch, Maurice Wong, Julian Phillips, Phillip Coleman, Andersen Air Force Base A; Bruce Aguon, Frances Benitez, James Collins, Budweiser; J.P. Cruz, DeAndre Walker, MVP Stars; Termaine Haynes, Shasta Williams, Naval Station; Sandy Fejera, Guam National Team.

## College football

### NCAA FCS playoffs

#### First Round

#### Saturday, Nov. 28

Appalachian State 20, S.C. State 13  
 Villaanova 38, Holy Cross 28  
 Richmond 16, Elon 13  
 William & Mary 38, Weber State 0  
 Southern Illinois 48, Eastern Illinois 7  
 Montana 61, South Dakota State 48  
 New Hampshire 49, McNeese State 13  
 Stephen F. Austin 44, Eastern Washington 33

#### Quarterfinals

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

William & Mary 24, Southern Illinois 3  
 Montana 51, Stephen F. Austin 0  
 Villaanova 46, New Hampshire 7  
 Appalachian State 35, Richmond 31

#### Semifinals

#### Friday, Dec. 11

William & Mary (11-2) at Villaanova (12-1)  
 Appalachian St. (11-2) at Montana (13-0)

#### Saturday, Dec. 12

Appalachian St. (11-2) at Montana (13-0)

#### Championship

#### Friday, Dec. 18

At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field  
 Chattanooga, Tenn.

Semifinal winners

### NCAA Division II playoffs

#### Second Round

#### Saturday, Nov. 21

West Liberty 84, Edinboro 63  
 California, Pa. 26, Shippensburg 21  
 Minnesota-Duluth 42, Nebraska-Kearney 7  
 Grand Valley State 44, Hillsdale 27  
 North Alabama 41, Arkansas Tech 28  
 Northwest Missouri State 35, Abilene Christian 10  
 Carson-Newman 59, West Alabama 41  
 Central Washington 27, Tarleton State 6

#### Quarterfinals

#### Saturday, Nov. 28

California, Pa. 57, West Liberty 35  
 Grand Valley State 24, Minnesota-Duluth 10  
 Carson-Newman 24, North Alabama 21

#### Semifinals

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

Grand Valley State 41, Carson-Newman 27  
 Northwest Missouri State 56, California, Pa. 31

#### Championship

#### Saturday, Dec. 12

At Braly Municipal Stadium  
 Florence, Ala.

Grand Valley State (13-1) vs. Northwest Missouri State (13-1)

### NCAA Division III playoffs

#### Second Round

#### Saturday, Nov. 28

Mount Union 62, Montclair State 14  
 Wesley 43, Mississippi College 9  
 Johns Hopkins 31, Thomas More 29  
 Wittenberg 34, Trine 17  
 Albright 27, Delaware Valley 3  
 Wisconsin-Whitewater 45, Illinois Wesleyan 7  
 St. Thomas, Minn. 34, Coe 7  
 Linfield 53, Mary Hardin-Baylor 21

#### Quarterfinals

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

Mount Union 55, Albright 3  
 Wesley 12, Johns Hopkins 0  
 Wisconsin-Whitewater 31, Wittenberg 13

#### Semifinals

#### Saturday, Dec. 12

Wesley (13-0) at Mount Union (13-0)  
 Linfield (13-0) vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater (13-0)

#### Championship

#### Saturday, Dec. 19

Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl  
 Saturday, Dec. 19  
 At Salem Stadium  
 Salem, Va.

Semifinal winners

### NAIA playoffs

#### Semifinals

#### Saturday, Dec. 5

Sioux Falls 49, Saint Xavier 6  
 Lindenwood 42, Carroll, Mont. 35

#### Championship

#### Saturday, Dec. 19

At Barron Stadium  
 Rome, Ga.

Sioux Falls (14-0) vs. Lindenwood (13-0)

## Deals

### Monday's transactions

#### BASEBALL

**BOSTON RED SOX**—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott Atchison on a one-year contract.

**DETROIT TIGERS**—Agreed to terms with SS Adam Everett and LHP Brad Thomson on one-year contracts. Traded LHP Clay Rapada to Texas for a player to be named or cash considerations. Sent RHP Zach Morris outright to Toledo (IL).

**MINNESOTA TWINS**—Announced RHP Carl Pavano accepted salary arbitration.

#### National League

**ATLANTA BRAVES**—Announced RHP Rafael Soriano accepted salary arbitration.

**COLORADO ROCKIES**—Announced RHP Rafael Betancourt accepted salary arbitration. Sold the contract of OF Matt Murton to the Hanshin Tigers (Japanese Central League).

**MILWAUKEE BREWERS**—Claimed INF Luis Cruz off waivers from Pittsburgh (NL).

**PITTSBURGH PIRATES**—Agreed to terms with RHP Vinnie Chulk on a minor league contract.

**WASHINGTON NATIONALS**—Acquired RHP Brian Bruney from the New York Yankees for a player to be named, released RHP Sam Rivera.

#### BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association**

**NBA**—Fined Chicago C Joakim Noah \$15,000 for throwing the ball into the stands and striking a photographer during Saturday's game against Toronto.

**PHOENIX SUNS**—Sent F Taylor Griffin to Iowa (NBADL).

#### FOOTBALL

**National Football League**

**BUFFALO BILLS**—Re-signed TE Joe Klopferstein. Released DT Corey Mace.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS**—Placed DL C.J. Mosley on injured reserve. Signed DL Derreck Robinson.

#### HOCKEY

**National Hockey League**

**NHLPA**—RW Darren McCarty announced his retirement.

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**Kadena 69, Kubasaki 53**

At Kadena Air Base

**Kubasaki 16 15 13 9-53**

**Kadena 17 19 18 15-69**

**Scoring**—Kadena, Jason Sumpter 23, Taiyo Robertson 14 (6 third quarter); Kubasaki, Kai Yamaguchi 17 (10 second quarter); Kentrell Key 12.

**Girls basketball**

**Tuesday's summary**

**Kubasaki 51, Kadena 47, OT**

At Kadena Air Base

**Kubasaki 10 6 6 19 10-51**

**Kadena 14 5 7 5 6-47**

**Scoring**—Kubasaki, Gabby Falco 31; Kadena, Maria Vaughan 15 (8 fourth quarter); Shari Moss 15.

#### Japan

**Boys basketball**

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**Christian Academy in Japan 66, St. Mary's International 50**

At Tokyo

**St. Mary's 19 10 7 14-50**

**CAJ 13 21 13 19-66**

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DAVID DUPREY/AP

New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur, right, stops a shot by Buffalo's Adam Mair during the third period of Monday's game in Buffalo, N.Y. Brodeur earned his 103rd career shutout in the Devils' 3-0 victory.

## NHL roundup

# Devils' Brodeur ties mark for shutouts with No. 103

## Shares record with Sawchuk

The Associated Press

**BUFFALO, N.Y.** — Although Jacques Lemaire gave Martin Brodeur his shot in 1993, he's not taking any credit for the goalie's success.

"Me? I'm doing nothing," the New Jersey coach said after Brodeur tied Terry Sawchuk's NHL record with his 103rd shutout, leading the Devils to a 3-0 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Monday night. "He's the one stopping the puck."

Twenty-two pucks to be exact against the Sabres, enough to tie the shutout mark that Sawchuk set while playing from 1949-70.

"It's been a lot of years, and that's what kind of catches my eye more than anything," Brodeur said. "So it's kind of surreal because (Sawchuk's) not there to see it."

Brodeur was rarely tested in earning his second shutout of the season after he blanked Carolina on Oct. 17.

"It's a big number," he said after taking pictures with the historic puck in front of a piece of paper with the number "103" taped behind his locker stall. "When I look back, and all the numbers of other goalies, it's mind-boggling a little bit. It's a little bit like what the win record was. But, especially with hockey changing so much, it's going to get harder and harder to get some."

Brodeur is the only active goalie on the Top 22 career shutout list. Detroit's Chris Osgood is the

next active goalie behind Brodeur with 50 shutouts, good for 23rd.

"You'd have to have a crystal ball to guess what he's been able to accomplish," said New Jersey GM Lou Lamoriello, who drafted Brodeur with the 20th overall pick in 1990. "I don't think you ever think like that."

The NHL's winningest goalie with 575 victories, Brodeur earned his league-leading 18th of the season. He preserved the shutout with a lightning-quick glove stop on Buffalo defenseman Steve Montador's wrist shot from the slot 5 minutes into the third period.

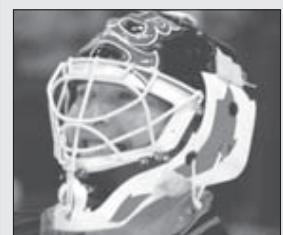
"I kind of waved at it, and it hit the top of my glove," Brodeur said. "I got kind of lucky that it stayed in front of me."

**Capitals 3, Lightning 0:** Alex Ovechkin scored two goals in his return from a two-game suspension and visiting Washington beat the Tampa Bay for the 12th consecutive time.

**Maple Leafs 5, Thrashers 2:** Vesa Toskala made 22 saves in his first start since Nov. 23 and Alexei Ponikarovsky scored goals 28 seconds apart for Toronto.

**Canadiens 3, Flyers 1:** Mike Cammalleri notched his team-leading 16th goal after Andrei Kostitsyn scored on host Montreal's third shot of the game in the second period.

**Avalanche 4, Blues 0:** Peter Budaj stopped 35 shots, Chris Stewart had two goals and an assist and Colorado ended a five-



### NHL career shutouts

Through Dec. 7, 2009

1. X-Martin Brodeur	103
2. Terry Sawchuk	103
3. George Hainsworth	94
4. Gump Worsley	84
5. Jacques Plante	82
6. Alex Connell	81
7. Tim Thompson	81
8. Dominik Hasek	81
9. Ed Belfour	76
9. Tony Esposito	76
x-active	76

— The Associated Press

game road trip with a shutout.

**Hurricanes 3, Penguins 2:** Manny Legace stopped 30 shots, Ray Whitney had the decisive goal and an assist and Carolina won on the road for the first time this season.

**Oilers 3, Panthers 2 (SO):** Shawn Horcoff scored once in regulation and again in the shootout, leading visiting Edmonton.

**Coyotes 2, Wild 0:** Scottie Upshall and Taylor Pyatt snapped a scoreless tie with second-period goals 44 seconds apart, Ilya Bryzgalov recorded his NHL-leading fourth shutout and host Phoenix won its fifth straight.

**Kings 2, Flames 1:** Scott Parse and Jarret Stoll scored early goals, and Los Angeles beat road-weary Calgary for its fifth victory in seven games.

## NHL scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	28	20	10	1	41	81
Pittsburgh	31	20	10	1	41	99
N.Y. Rangers	29	14	14	7	29	83
N.Y. Islanders	29	11	11	7	29	76
Philadelphia	27	13	13	1	27	80

Northeast Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	29	16	9	5	35	76
Buffalo	27	16	9	2	34	73
Ottawa	28	14	10	4	32	83
Montreal	30	14	14	2	30	76
Toronto	29	9	13	7	25	83

Southeast Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	30	19	5	6	44	111
Atlanta	27	15	9	3	33	89
Tampa Bay	29	11	10	8	30	74
Florida	30	11	13	6	28	82
Carolina	29	7	17	5	19	70

### Western Conference

#### Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	28	18	7	3	39	64
Nashville	29	16	11	2	34	73
Detroit	29	14	10	5	33	82
Columbus	29	13	11	5	31	89
St. Louis	28	12	11	5	29	70

#### Northwest Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	32	17	9	6	40	98
Calgary	29	18	8	3	39	87
Vancouver	29	16	13	0	32	91
Edmonton	30	13	13	4	30	90
Minnesota	29	13	13	3	29	78

#### Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	31	19	7	5	43	104
Los Angeles	31	18	10	3	39	95
Phoenix	30	18	11	1	37	75
Dallas	29	13	8	8	34	85
Anaheim	29	10	13	6	26	82

**NOTE:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

#### Monday's games

Toronto 5, Atlanta 2

Colorado 4, St. Louis 0

Edmonton 3, Florida 2, SO

New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1, SO

Montreal 3, Philadelphia 1

Washington 3, Tampa Bay 0

Carolina 3, Pittsburgh 2

Phoenix 2, Minnesota 0

Los Angeles 2, Calgary 1

#### Tuesday's games

N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia

Montreal at Ottawa

Vancouver at Nashville

Dallas at Anaheim

#### Wednesday's games

Carolina at New Jersey

Florida at Columbus

N.Y. Islanders at Toronto

Montreal at Ottawa

Vancouver at Nashville

Atlanta at Calgary

Los Angeles at San Jose

#### Thursday's games

N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia

Montreal at Ottawa

Vancouver at Nashville

Atlanta at Calgary

Los Angeles at San Jose

#### Friday's games

Ottawa at Philadelphia

Toronto at Boston

Pittsburgh at Montreal

Columbus at Nashville

Atlanta at Vancouver

Phoenix at Los Angeles

#### Saturday's games

Ottawa at Philadelphia

Toronto at Boston

Pittsburgh at Montreal

Columbus at Nashville

Atlanta at Vancouver

Phoenix at Los Angeles

#### Monday

**Maple Leafs 5, Thrashers 2**

Atlanta 0, 0-2-2

Second Period—1, Toronto, Stempniak 7 (Primeau, Kulemin), 2:49, 2, Toronto, Stajan 9 (Ponikarovsky, Kessel), 4:55, 3, Toronto, Grabovski 6 (Hagman, I.White), 10:09, 4, Toronto, Ponikarovsky 10 (Beauchemin, Stempniak), 18:24, 5, Toronto, Ponikarovsky 11 (Stajan, Kaberle), 18:52.

Third Period—6, Atlanta, Little 3 (Kubina, Kovalchuk), 6:48 (pp), 7, Atlanta, Reasoner 2 (Thorburn, Boulton), 7:23.

**Shots on Goal**—Atlanta 9-6-9-24. Toronto 10-12-6-28.

**Power-play opportunities**—Atlanta 1 of 2; Toronto 0 of 4.

**Goalies**—Atlanta, Pavelec 8-7-3 (22 shots-17 saves), Hedberg 0:00 third, 6-6, Toronto, Toskala 2-4-2 (24-22).

A—19,050 (18,819). T—2:16.

#### Monday

**Avalanche 4, Blues 0**

Colorado 1, 2-0-0

First Period—1, Colorado, Stewart 5 (Quincey, Liles), 19:49 (pp).

Second Period—2, Colorado, P.Stastny 8 (Wolski, Stewart), 6:08, 3, Colorado, Stewart 6 (Liles, Wolski), 13:53.

Third Period—4, Colorado, Duchene 9 (Wolski), 12:44.

**Shots on Goal**—Colorado 13-6-3-22. St. Louis 9-9-17-35.

**Power-play opportunities**—Colorado 1 of 1; St. Louis 0 of 1.

**Goalies**—Colorado, Budaj 3-2-1 (35 shots-35 saves). St. Louis, Mason 8-9-4 (22-18).

A—19,150 (19,150). T—2:09.

#### Avalanche 4, Blues 0

Colorado 0, 1-1-0-2

First Period—1, Colorado, Horcoff 6 (Visnovsky, Nilsson), 3:29 (pp), 2, Florida, Moore 4, 6:07.

Third Period—3, Florida, Moore 5 (Kulikov, Dvorak), 1:25 (pp), 4, Edmonton, Penner 16 (Visnovsky, Smid), 4:33.

**Shootout**—Edmonton 2 (O'Sullivan NG, Nilsson G, Horcoff G), Florida 1 (Reinprecht NG, Weiss NG, Olesz G).

**Shots on Goal**—Edmonton 7-9-7-25. Florida 16-9-9-1-35.

**Power-play opportunities**—Edmonton 1 of 4; Florida 1 of 5.

**Goalies**—Edmonton, Deslauriers 6-4-2 (35 shots-33 saves). Florida, Vokoun 7-9-6 (28-26).

A—11,469 (19,250). T—2:35.

#### Oilers 3, Panthers 2 (SO)

Edmonton 0, 1-1-0-3

Second Period—1, Edmonton, Horcoff 6 (Visnovsky, Nilsson), 3:29 (pp), 2, Florida, Moore 4, 6:07.

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